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### CATALINA PATROL IN THE EAST

AMERICAN-BUILT CATALINA FLYINGBOATS, WHICH HAVE BEEN ARRIVING ACROSS THE PACIFIC FROM THE UNITED STATES IN A STEADY STREAM IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS, NOW "COVER THE WATERFRONT" FROM THE ARABIAN SEA TO WELL SOUTH OF THE EQUATOR AND FROM THE CHINA SEAS NEARLY TO AFRICA, SAYS THE AIR MINISTRY NEWS SERVICE.

Operating from bases in Malaya and Ceylon they have already, since their arrival in the Far East, flown on patrol a distance equal to about six times round the world. Their task is to keep a ceaseless watch for raiders and submarines, and the deterrent effect of their presence is shown by the decline in enemy activity in this theatre of war.

They are also called on to escort convoys, act as long-range bombers, undertake route patrols and anti-submarine reconnaissance.

One Catalina patrolled the Indian Ocean 18½ hours before returning to base.—Reuter.

### CLOSING LEAK IN FREEZE

The Government of India have taken steps to close a leak in the recent Japanese freezing orders to which attention had been drawn.

No goods imported from the Japanese Empire or China shall be cleared whether they are for home consumption or for shipment to a foreign port unless the Customs are satisfied that the whole carriage insurance-freight value, excepting such part thereof as has been paid before July 26, has been paid into a blocked account or the owner produces an order from the Government of India permitting clearance.

The prohibition does not apply to goods imported from China by land to Burma and thence by air to India.—Reuter.

### MINOR RAID

AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE LAST NIGHT STATED THAT IN THE MORNING ONE OR TWO ENEMY AIRCRAFT CROSSED THE NORTH-EAST COAST AND DROPPED BOMBS AT POINTS A SHORT DISTANCE INLAND.

No extensive damage was done, but a small number of casualties have been reported.

Elsewhere there was very little enemy activity and there were no reports of any bombs having been dropped.—Reuter.

## The Clash Of The Communiques

### MR. ATTLEE TO MAKE IMPORTANT BROADCAST

Mr. C. R. Attlee, Lord Privy Seal and Deputy Prime Minister, will broadcast through all stations of the B.B.C. an important announcement on behalf of the Government at 2 p.m. (G.M.T.) to-day (Thursday), says Reuter from London.

### DUFF-COOPER RETICENT

Mr. A. Duff-Cooper, who is on his way to the Far East for the War Cabinet, yesterday conferred in Washington with Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State.

Later, in an interview, Mr. Duff-Cooper said Britain was eager to collaborate with the United States on parallel lines throughout the world.

ONLY COMMENT HE WOULD MAKE ON THE FAR EAST TENSION WAS THAT THE BRITISH FELT JAPAN COULD NOT BE ALLOWED ENTIRELY TO HAVE HER OWN WAY IN THE PACIFIC.

Mr. Duff-Cooper had earlier attended a ceremony at which representatives of the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand formally exchanged ratification of treaties designed for the advancement of peace. The treaties replace the Treaty with the British Empire of 1914. They provide separate commissions for the settlement of disputes instead of one commission of United States and Britain.

Though negotiated last year the treaties had not previously been formally ratified.—Reuter.

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent)

"ON THE WAR FRONTS NOTHING IMPORTANT OCCURRED IN THE COURSE OF TUESDAY," WAS THE REPLY GIVEN BY SOVIET MILITARY QUARTERS IN MOSCOW YESTERDAY TO GERMAN CLAIMS OF A SWEEPING ADVANCE INTO THE UKRAINE.

It would be absurd for the Russians to use such a phrase if something very important had happened and the absence of new place names in yesterday's Soviet communique is a clear indication, in view of past Soviet practice, that there has been no advance by the main German forces.

This does not mean that advance German units may not have again ventured to push ahead, possibly towards Nikolaiev, the Black Sea port 70 miles north-east of Odessa, whose gigantic silos doubtless conjure up for the Germans visions of vast grain stocks.

Actually there is every reason to suppose that in accordance with Stalin's policy the Russians would move this grain inland. Nikolaiev were seriously threatened, which is not yet the case.

At all events should a strategic retreat be necessary, they can afford, after the harvest has been gathered, to abandon part of the Ukrainian farmland and may be expected to take up strong positions inside the bend of the Dnieper, which, from the industrial viewpoint, it would be very important to preserve.—Reuter.

### THOUSAND PLANES IN RAID

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was stated in London yesterday that 1,000 British planes took part in Tuesday's R.A.F. raids on Germany and France; in the course of which Cologne was raided by day.

The largest number of bombers ever used, including American Flying Fortresses, were hurled into action.

Messerschmitt interceptors were unable to reach the atmosphere Flying Fortresses.—International News Service.

### Definitely Checked

International News quotes a Moscow communique announcing the annihilation of the crack Nazi 88th Division and indicating that the massive German drive on Odessa has been definitely checked.

The Soviet bulletin claimed the sinking of Nazi troopships and four torpedo-boats in the Baltic by warships and planes.

Hitler's headquarters bombastically claim that "the Ukrainian bread-basket is practically in German hands and serious Soviet resistance or counter-attacks are not feared."

The Germans also claim advances on the Leningrad and Smolensk fronts.—International News Service.

### IMPERIAL STRATEGY

It is essential for Australia to have permanent representation in the London Cabinet because her future, as never before, depends on Imperial policy and strategy, said Sir Earle Page, Minister of Commerce, in a statement in Sydney yesterday.

The disposition of the Empire's forces is of supreme importance to her security, he added.

Her voice in London must be authoritative but at the same time the Government must be carried on in Australia.

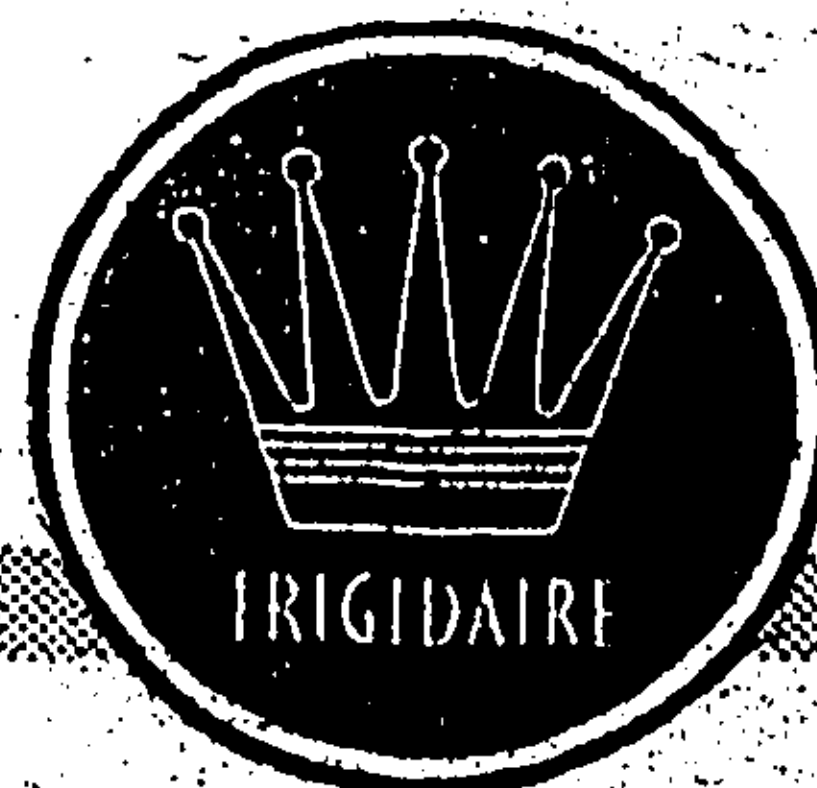
Proposals which the Premier, Mr. Menzies, was submitting to Parliament would remove doubts on that score. Mr. Menzies was the best man to represent Australia.

Much depended on Australia showing a bold and united front when Parliament meets.

The psychological effect of a demonstration of national solidarity would be immense, he concluded.—Reuter.

### ITALIAN CHEMICAL WORKS DESTROYED

The R.A.F. bombed the chemical works at Crotonne, southern Italy, on Monday, leaving the whole objective a mass of flames, says Reuter from London.



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# Darlan Dictatorship Hands Vichy France Over To Axis

## PETAIN BETRAYS THE MOTIVE

THE FOLLOWING official comment was made in London yesterday on Marshal Petain's broadcast, in which the French leader announced dictatorial powers for Admiral Darlan.

"Marshal Petain's speech betrays in unmistakable terms the utmost anxiety on the part of the Vichy Government in regard to the internal conditions of France.

"The long and abject record of dishonour and surrender of this Government has, beyond any doubt, reduced its prestige and popularity with the French people to vanishing point and has brought about a state of affairs in which the people are turning with growing hope towards Britain and ardently desire an Allied victory.

"The Government has accordingly taken to itself the widest dictatorial powers and has placed those powers in the hands of Darlan who will thus be placed in the strongest possible position to force upon the French people those measures of further surrender and further collaboration with the Axis which he has in mind and which it would otherwise be impossible for him to foist upon his compatriots.

### Alliance With Axis

"The form of government envisaged for France in Marshal Petain's speech is not only designed for the purpose of subjugating and silencing the French people and enforcing upon them a policy which they detest.

"IT IS ALSO DESIGNED WITH THE VIEW OF IMITATING THOSE FORMS OF GOVERNMENT WHICH ALREADY OBTAIN IN GERMANY AND ITALY, THEREBY UNDERLINING THE DETERMINATION OF THE VICHY GOVERNMENT TO ALLY ITSELF MORE CLOSELY THAN EVER WITH THE AXIS.

"The fate of such a form of government, lacking any measure of spontaneous popular support in the country upon which it is imposed, is not likely to be a happy one."—Reuter.

## MOTTO FOR NATAL FIGHTERS

"Pambili bo," a Zulu phrase meaning "On ahead, there," has been adopted by Fighter Command's Natal Squadron as their motto to go with the squadron badge. This shows a black wildebeeste in full course across the veldt.

Some time ago it was announced that the pilots and their friends were pondering the choice of a motto. "Pambili bo" was a suggestion sent by a man who had lived for many years in Durban and Johannesburg. A Zulu phrase, he contended, would be more typical of Natalians, who, as a rule, are not descended from trekkers.

"It symbolises the idea of going forward," he wrote to the squadron, "thus applying both to the wildebeeste and to the airmen from Natal."

"Pambili bo" is the cry of the Kaffir boy as he drives the oxen pulling the plough.

## German Fear Of France

German fear of propaganda in France is shown by the manner in which the Vichy correspondent of the official German news agency refers to the decisions announced in the Petain broadcast.

Referring to the establishment of a new General Secretariat for information and propaganda, the correspondent says: "This is regarded in well-informed circles as instrumental for putting an end to every form of private propaganda activity."

"All further information services in the country will be directed by the Government. The dislocation of organisations which have hitherto carried on private propaganda activity, by circulating leaflets and other material, is part of the action taken by the Government to suppress such propaganda centres."—Reuter.

## FORTIFIED COAST

By A. London Correspondent

A year after Dunkirk, while the Russo-German clash holds world-wide attention, Britain is still fortifying her already steel-girt coastline with new guns and thicker steel barricades above tide level.

More and more concrete blocks are being set above the beaches, and barbed-wire entanglements are being added to Britain's mighty armed wall, which appears to be impossible for any invader to break by landing from the sea. Last week I lived for four days with the batteries along the coast of East Anglia, where Britain's forces, when forced out of Europe, built up bastions against Germany. Defences were placed in hurriedly under pressure of the crisis, and ammunition for guns, which was then so lamentably short, was rationed out.

At the batteries, I saw the magazines fully stocked, the guns in better positions, and the shore defences perfected, while well-trained soldiers tend the batteries and keep up ceaseless watch across "No-Man's-Water."

The gun-houses contain a declaration that "this battery will never retire."

Several gunners told me: "We will fight to the death, firing our guns until the ammunition has gone, and then we'll go on fighting with bayonets and fists."

## GUNNER SCORES IN FIRST COMBAT

WHEN A HEINKEL 111 WAS DESTROYED ONE NIGHT RECENTLY A DEFIANT AIR GUNNER, WHO WAS WITH HIS SQUADRON, HAD HIS FIRST EXPERIENCE OF A NIGHT COMBAT.

"We picked up the enemy at about ten o'clock," said the gunner. "The Squadron Leader manoeuvred the aircraft into a perfect position, and I gave Jerry a burst. I caught him amidsthips, probably killing his gunner. Whether it damaged the bomber I don't know, but it certainly tickled his pants."

"The Heinkel then levelled out and flew away, but we very soon picked him up again and I let him have another burst. This must have set him on fire almost at once, for he went down like a meteor, turning the clouds a bright red."

"Not once did we experience any return fire."

## MATSUOKA TO BE ENVOY IN INDO-CHINA

Mr. Matsuoka has been appointed Japan's new envoy to French-Indo-China, according to an unconfirmed Rome Radio report received in London last night.

Mr. Matsuoka until recently was the Japanese Foreign Minister.—Reuter.

## SIR HUGHE GIVES A PARTY

Sir Hughe Knatchbull-Hugessen, British Ambassador to Turkey, entertained Dr. Sarajoglu, Turkish Foreign Minister, and four other Cabinet Ministers last night, according to a Reuter message from Ankara.

## LAND PLANES IN ATLANTIC BATTLE

Land aircraft are taking an increasingly prominent part in the Battle of the Atlantic.

To the uninitiated, the term "Coastal Command" seems to indicate a Command in control of flying boats and seaplanes only.

But in to-day's struggle around the shores of Britain Coastal Command controls many more land aeroplanes than waterborne craft.

In the Battle of the Atlantic, flying boats have the greatest range of action and initiate the air escort and protection by meeting the convoys far out in mid-Atlantic.

But multi-engine landplanes daily escort convoys, patrol submarine areas and attack enemy air raiders.

Both British and American built aircraft participate in this work. One American aeroplane, the Lockheed Hudson has particularly distinguished itself under Coastal Command control in the Atlantic air war.

It is in the use of these land aircraft over water that British and American workmanship stands out. Rarely, indeed is a land aircraft forced to alight in the sea due to engine or structural trouble.

Land aircraft have several advantages over flying boats, but in exchange must concede certain points. The flying boat has a greater range of action and usually possesses a much heavier armament. The land aircraft is faster and more manoeuvrable.

Coastal Command land aircraft at present operating over the Atlantic can easily out-maneuvre any enemy raider and shoot it down.

The flying boat, having a bigger hull, has additional comforts. The pilot can walk around and stretch his legs; the crew can smoke. Ten hours and more in a land aircraft, without smoking and scarcely moving from one's seat, proves cramping; doubly so over the monotonous expanse of sea.

Coastal Command makes full use of the salient advantages of both flying boat and land aircraft and it is due to a carefully interlocking usage of these aircraft that Britain has established and maintains air domination of the Atlantic and the safe escort of convoys to home ports.

## AIR GUNNERS SWIM ASHORE

THE STORY OF THE TWO AIR GUNNERS WHO STUCK TO THEIR SUNDERLAND, THOUGH SHE WAS ON FIRE AND SINKING FAST, IS ALREADY AMONG THE ANNALS OF THE GALLANT DEEDS PERFORMED IN THE LAST DAYS OF THE BATTLE OF GREECE. BUT NOW THE AIR GUNNERS MADE THEIR ESCAPE HAS NOT HITHERTO BEEN TOLD.

Both had on their "Mae Wests"—the R.A.F. life-saving jacket. One could not swim.

"Jump in and I'll tow you to the shore," the swimmer told his colleague. Finally the non-swimmer jumped and lay face down on the surface of the water.

His companion, raced to the rescue, turned him on his back and dragged him ashore. He asked him why he hadn't lifted his head above the water.

"Well," replied the other, "I thought I was on the bottom, and I was waiting to come up."

## LORD WILLINGDON'S FUNERAL

Lord Willingdon's funeral will be held privately to-morrow when the body will be cremated. A memorial service will be held probably in Westminster Abbey next week.—Reuter.

# VICHY TURNING BACK ON THE UNITED STATES

"TURNING ITS BACK on the United States, Vichy has still further accentuated its submission to the Axis," says a leading article in "France," the independent Free French newspaper published in London.

"It is for the Governments in London and Washington to draw the obvious conclusions and take the necessary precautions."

For a fortnight, the writer says, Darlan has been subjected to a double assault. On the one hand from Paris, where Nazi journalists accused him of showing insufficient zeal for "defence" of the Empire and of hesitation in demanding German aid for the defence of Africa.

On the other hand, adds the leader, the revolt of French public opinion has increased.

Exasperated by the Syrian affair, then by the abandonment of "our finest colony (Indo-China)," the French in these past weeks, despite censorship, protests and direct attacks, have found means to express their anger and disloyalty.

Darlan, however, was not in a position to hesitate. No attempt at resistance would have been sufficient to ingratiate him with French public opinion which has always ranked him with the Quislings.

### Loves Power

Resistance for him—supposing he even had such a wish—would have meant resignation. And Darlan loves nothing so much as power.

It is to power that he has hitherto sacrificed his country, he says.

WHETHER GENERAL WEYGAND ATTEMPTED OR NOT TO OPPOSE THIS NEW GAME IS OF LITTLE IMPORTANCE.

Having consented some days ago to be placed under the orders of Darlan, whom he hates, General Weygand has hastened to pay tribute to the regime and to Hitlerite methods which he has held up as an example to the French.—Reuter.

## FARMER, 74, CAUGHT HUN

After a German plane had been downed, Farmer James Cavill, 74, suffering from a strained heart and blood pressure, met on a lonely road a 6ft. Nazi airman of 25.

The Nazi sported the Iron Cross and had his gun in his hand, but the farmer captured him, handed him to the Home Guard, and went home.

Said Mr. Cavill: "I have faced death on two previous occasions, but candidly, when I saw Jerry with a .25 automatic, I said to myself, 'Well, Jim, this is your end.'"

"He asked me to take him to soldiers, so I said: 'Are you going to shoot me on the road?'"

"He at once said, 'Nein, ma no hurt you, my friend,' and he shook my right hand."

"I might tell you I was prepared for him as I had drawn my open knife from my pocket, ready for his eyes if he made the least move for his revolver."



# ALLIED GUARANTEE TO TURKEY

## Re-Affirmation Of Alliance

### Dramatic Turn In International Situation

BRITAIN AND RUSSIA HAVE PROMISED FULL AID TO TURKEY IF SHE IS ATTACKED BY A EUROPEAN POWER, WRITES REUTER'S DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT.

## SEVERE BLOW TO AXIS INTRIGUE

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

The Anglo-Soviet declaration to Turkey is a severe blow to German intrigues and hopes in the Near East.

Its importance lies in the fact that not merely have Great Britain and Soviet Russia jointly undertaken to help Turkey against any attack by the Axis, but that Turkey has accepted and warmly welcomed this guarantee.

It not only amounts to a renewal of the Turko-British Treaty, but is virtually a re-insurance with the endorsement of the Soviet.

Thus, instead of inducing Turkey to denounce her mutual obligations with Great Britain, Germany, in spite of all her pressure and propaganda, sees these obligations reaffirmed by Great Britain, supported by Soviet Russia and accepted with appreciation by Turkey.

### Only The Beginning

The Anglo-Russian declarations give the lie in the most effective and emphatic manner to the German insinuations with regard to Russian designs on the Dardanelles by which Germany has attempted to poison relations not only between Turkey and Russia, but also between Turkey and Great Britain as well.

They constitute a striking example of the intimate collaboration between the two countries and prepare the way for even closer relations with Turkey.

The present step is only the beginning. It is also indicative of the new spirit governing Russian foreign policy which has recently been manifested in the Russo-Polish pact, in the agreement with the Czech Government and in the promise of Soviet support and the equal collaboration with all independent nations resisting Hitlerite aggression. —Reuter.

## WODEHOUSE PUZZLE

MR. P. G. WODEHOUSE'S ACTION IN BROADCASTING EACH WEEK FROM GERMANY IN RETURN FOR HIS FREEDOM IS AROUSING BITTER RESENTMENT IN ENGLAND.

A "Daily Express" columnist points out that "Lord Haw Haw" is a drawing fool of a renegade, while Mr. Wodehouse is one of the best-loved of Englishmen and is able to attract millions of American listeners. Mr. E. L. Sterling, the president of the Drones' Club, comprising

This latest dramatic turn in the international situation was made known on Tuesday night with the announcement that declarations in identical terms had been presented by both countries to the Turkish Foreign Office.

The declarations made it clear that both Britain and Russia remain faithful to the Montreux Convention and have no aggressive intentions or claims regarding the Straits.

At various periods during this war Turkey has been subjected to some pressure by other nations which, if it had succeeded, would cut across her understandings with Britain.

At every juncture, however, Turkey reasserted her loyalty to all her obligations to Britain and her Allies and even when she signed the trade agreement with Germany some months ago she made it clear it had no effect upon her treaty with Britain.

Many attempts have been made in German and Italian propaganda drives to separate Turkey from Britain but none has succeeded in providing the desired wedge.

### "Friend And Ally"

"Turkey is our friend and ally. The Turkish Government have kept us fully informed of the progress of the recent negotiations with the German Government," declared Mr. Eden in Parliament last June.

Only last week again in the Commons Mr. Eden reaffirmed Britain's friendship with Turkey and repudiated a suggestion of enemy origin that we might make some arrangement at Turkey's expense.

Britain, said Mr. Eden, would continue to observe loyally the Anglo-Turkish Treaty, believing the friendship between Britain and Turkey would be a lasting contribution to European understanding, both during and after the war.

### Cyprus Meeting

Mr. Eden met Dr. Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, at Cyprus in March and the official report stated they "re-emphasised the complete identity of views which existed between their two Governments."

As recently as last month great pleasure was expressed in Turkey at the establishment of British military authority in Syria because it was said: "Turkey has become neighbours with their British ally."

The joint assurance that has now been given to Turkey is intended to dispel the effect of Axis propaganda and remove any least suspicion that Britain and Russia had come to any understanding or agreement at Turkey's expense. —Reuter.

Wodehouse admirers, has pleaded with the public to withhold its judgment for four reasons—(1) It may not be Mr. Wodehouse who is broadcasting; (2) after a year in a concentration camp it is unlikely that Mr. Wodehouse's faculties are running in top gear; (3) his release may be connected with his earlier application for American citizenship; and (4) "We have not heard Mr. Wodehouse's story."

## SILENCING 'PLANE PROPELLERS

Harry Kersten, 41, a habitual criminal with four convictions on his record and an untried robbery charge against him, was freed on a bond in order to work on an invention for silencing aeroplane propellers.

The California Institute of Technology scientists and the chief test pilot of the Vultee Aircraft Company had told the authorities that Kersten's idea was sound, and a laboratory has been provided for his experiments.

Kersten believes that the silencing should be at the hub instead of at the blades, and while he was serving a three-year sentence in the Folsom Prison he made a model of a silent hub which he submitted to the Government.

He said he would require six weeks to make another model for scientific tests.

The District Attorney, who vouched for the release of Kersten, said the invention, if it worked out, "would be a tremendous aid in national defence," enabling the silencing of aeroplanes in an attack with their presence unobtruded by detectors.

Kersten was facing life imprisonment for habitual criminality.

## TOBRUK BOMBED

Yesterday's British Middle East communiqué in Cairo stated that except for bombing raids by the enemy the situation at Tobruk on Tuesday was quiet.

In the frontier area our mechanised patrols sighted patrols of enemy armoured fighting vehicles which withdrew before they could be engaged. —Reuter.

The Hong Kong Branch of the Sino-British Cultural Association is giving a Farewell Luncheon to His Excellency Sir Geoffrey and Lady Northcote on Saturday, August 30, at the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.

## ANTI-SABOTAGE BILL SIGNED

President Roosevelt has signed the Bill authorising the creation of a special protection force to guard naval establishments from sabotage, espionage and other subversive activities. —Reuter.

## GERMANS BROKEN AGAINST A WALL

"The Russian armies are not yet out of the game although weeks ago Berlin declared that organised Soviet military formations no longer existed, that the roads to Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev were open and that huge breaches had been made in the Stalin Line."

This statement was made yesterday by the Stockholm newspaper "Handelstidning."

"Fighting is still going on in the same area a month after this assertion was made," the paper continues.

"When the attacker reached the former Russian frontier he was met by a living wall of the Russians' massed armies."

"AGAINST THIS WALL THE GERMANS FLUNG COLUMNS AFTER COLUMNS WHICH WERE BROKEN INTO BLOODY

## SAFETY, THANKS TO OBSERVER CORPS

A coastal post of the Royal Observer Corps in Scotland recently heard the sound of an aeroplane circling the area, which was enveloped in a heavy sea fog. The crew recognised the sound as that of a Hudson aircraft, and when it was no longer heard they became anxious.

They telephoned a nearby coastal aerodrome and set in motion methods of cooperation with the observer centre and other posts. They were thus able to keep the coastal station informed of the machine's position.

When the aircraft approached another aerodrome the coastal station was able to tell this second aerodrome to put on its landing lights. These were seen by the pilot of the plane, who was then almost skimming the ground, and this Hudson and another one also lost in the fog made perfect landings.

A member of another Scottish observer post was informed that a machine had come down on the water above a dam. He arrived at the same time as the police to find the boat house securely locked. Cries from the centre of the reservoir told him that the pilot was still alive. The observer post member took off his clothes and swam 250 yards to the half-submerged plane.

He found the pilot semi-conscious, strapped into the cockpit, which was already submerged. By great efforts he got the pilot out through the fuselage, and, with the help of an R.A.F. sergeant who had swum from the other side of the dam, supported him for 45 minutes until a rescue boat arrived.

## SCRAPS OF HUMANITY AGAINST THE SOVIET BREAKWATER.

"No sign of the end of the slaughter is yet in view." —Reuter.

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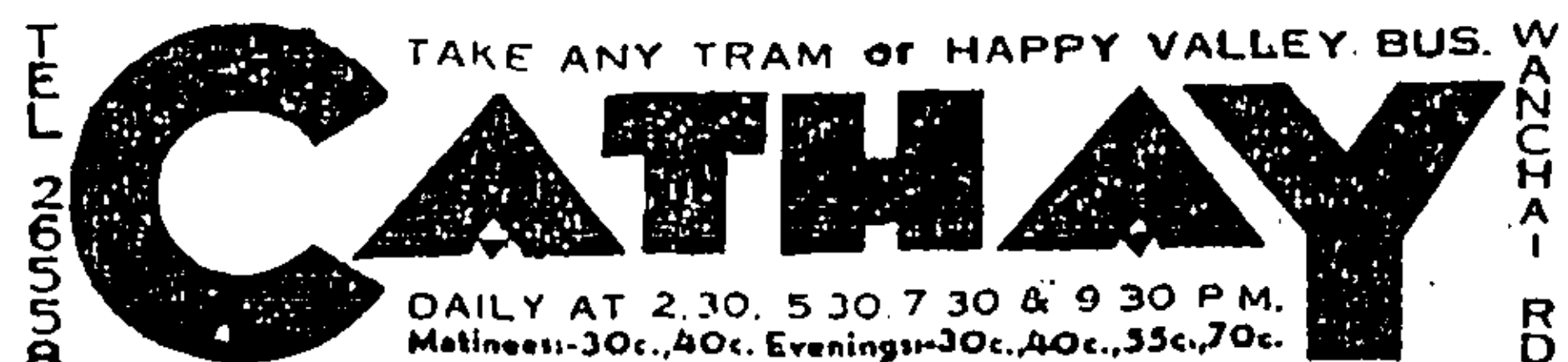
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# NO MATERIAL CHANGE ON RUSSIA'S BATTLE FRONT

NO MATERIAL CHANGE has taken place in Russia's far-flung battle front, but the situation in the Ukraine has admittedly deteriorated in Southern Ukraine, writes "Annalist."

On all other sectors the grim struggle is continuing without any marked advantage for either side.

The only other progress claimed by Germany is north of Lake Peipus where unconfirmed reports allege that they have reached the Baltic Sea, thus cutting off communications with Tallinn.

If true, this would mean that an important pocket of resistance was in being on their left flank, and would constitute a threat to their communications.

Tallinn itself is well defended, and with Hango, on the opposite side of the Gulf of Kronstadt, gives Russia complete command of those narrow waters. If Tallinn fell the position of Hango would also be seriously compromised.

## Improbable

There has been no change around Murmansk in the north, or Kiev in the south but the German drive to cut off Odessa and Nicolaiev is making headway.

It is improbable, however, that the Germans have switched their main offensive in this direction. It is thought that they may be trying to curb Russian reinforcements to this region while they renew their real offensive against Moscow.

The Russians have probably not very large numbers of troops in this region because while they hold control of the Black Sea there would seem to be a likely prospect of the Germans pushing their advance too far to the East.

## Well Fortified

Odessa is believed to be well fortified especially from the sea, and the Russian fleet is in supreme control of the Black Sea.

To sum up, the threat to Odessa seems closer to-day, but it should be realised that the German objective is not Odessa, but Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev. — Reuter.

# THE EGGS WERE SAFE

The giant, four-engined flying boat lurched heavily, and bounced as a rolling wave struck near the tail during a landing in rough water on the Scottish coast.

"Everyone all right aft?" the captain shouted back anxiously as the aircraft wallowed towards the mooring buoy.

"The eggs are all right, sir," came the reply from the depths of the fuselage.

This time the gunner was not referring to the bombs carried on the Sunderland, but to real, fresh hen's eggs.

For this particular Sunderland had landed at a port in Northern Ireland the night before, and one of the local inhabitants had come to the dock with a present of four dozen freshly laid eggs for the crew.

The Sunderland captain hadn't been thinking of these eggs when he shouted, but after hearing the reassuring cry he muttered to his second pilot: "I really should have been more careful. I might have broken those eggs."

# FROM FIJI TO JOIN R.A.F.

The first men to travel to England from Fiji under the Overseas Recruiting Scheme to join the R.A.F. have just arrived in England.

The party consisted of three men. Two were Scotsmen from Stirling, who had gone out to Fiji some years before the war, and held appointments in the Civil Service there. One came home to join up soon after the outbreak of war but found that he was in a reserved occupation and had to return to his post. Now at his second attempt he has been successful.

As the two Scotsmen were on the point of sailing from Fiji for Vancouver they were joined by a native-born Fijian, Mr. I. Dovi Komaisavai, who like the others wishes to become a fighter pilot. Mr. Komaisavai traces his descent from the former Kings of Fiji. Travel was no new experience for him for he had studied for three

# PREMIER'S MIND "AJAR"

Mr. Churchill in the Commons told Miss Ward he did not think there were circumstances justifying the creation of a Ministry of Social Welfare for severely bombed areas.

Asked by Miss Ward if he would not close his mind to the suggestion in the forthcoming debate on civil defence, the Premier replied, amid laughter: "I will keep my mind ajar."

Wanganui College, New Zealand.

The party were raised to four by the wife of one of the Scotsmen. They reached Vancouver without incident by liner, and received a great welcome from the Canadian. On their way across the continent, they were surprised at the great numbers of men of the Imperial Air Forces training under the Empire Air Training Scheme.

Leaving the Scotsman's wife in Ottawa to come on by liner the three men sailed from an Eastern Canadian port by troopship, landing in England at the end of May. They hope soon to be well on with their training for the R.A.F.

# BURMA PREPARES METHODICALLY FOR ACTION

AS GATHERING war-clouds frown on Burma's neighbours, the Burmese people are grimly and methodically making preparations to resist any attack on their country.

"If the lives and happiness of 16,000,000 people are to be jeopardised by the lust for power, we will defend ourselves to the last man, and we are not alone," is the answer of the ordinary Burmese to potential threats from abroad.

This great Buddhist country of pagodas and paddy-lands has not known war for 63 years.

Claiming a religious kinship with other countries in the Far East, she realises that even religion would be endangered if her frontiers are violated by aggression.

For many months Burma has had to endure specious propaganda broadcast by interested countries but it has evoked only derision.

## Burma's Attitude

In the Burmese eyes those who break the law against killing and commit crimes against peaceful nations stand self-condemned.

Burma's attitude was typically illustrated by scenes witnessed by the Governor, Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith, on his recent tour when the chiefs of the frontier tribes renewed their pledge to die for the cause of liberty.

Fluttering Union Jacks and songs of martial valour were features of the enthusiastic welcome given to Sir Reginald. The tribes cheerfully accepted the black-out and other restrictions and would, if required, furnish formidable guerilla units. — Reuter.

# AIRGRAPH LETTERS TO FORCES

THE QUEEN WILL INAUGURATE A NEW SERVICE OF AIRGRAPH LETTERS TO THE MIDDLE EAST FORCES BY SENDING A MESSAGE TO GENERAL SIR CLAUDE AUCHINCLOSS, THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, TO-MORROW.

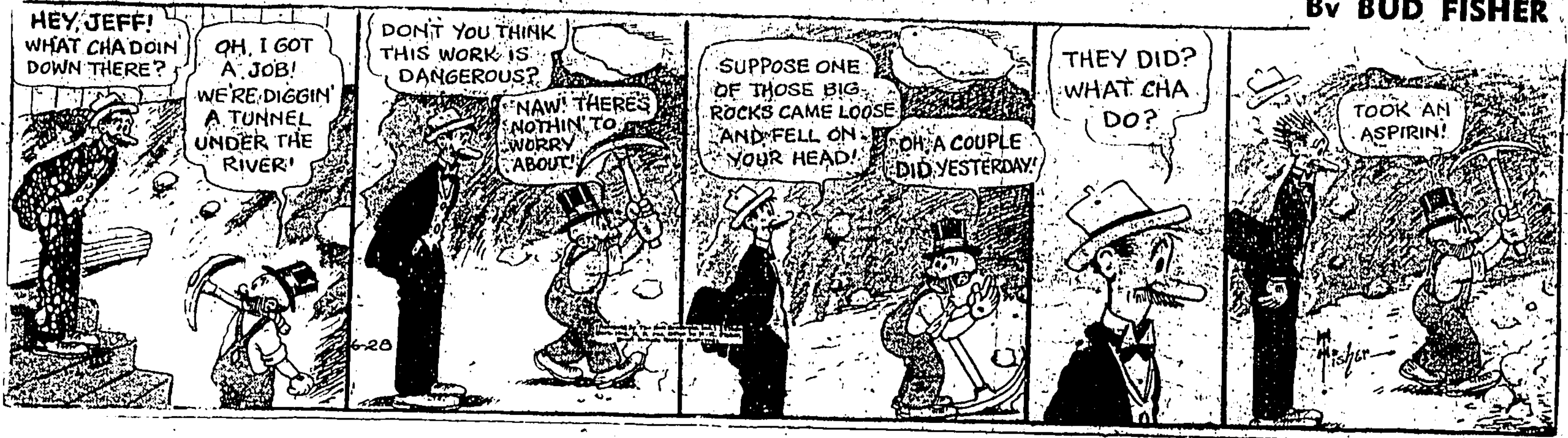
The Postmaster-General and the War Office announce that technical arrangements have now been completed for messages to be sent on and after Friday to the Middle East and East African forces and warships in the eastern Mediterranean, including Fleet auxiliaries and merchantmen requisitioned for naval and military service.

Postage will be 8d. and it is expected the letters will reach their destination by air.



## MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



# Australian War Cabinet Discusses Far East Situation

## CZECH PILOTS' 6 VICTIMS

DURING A RAID ON LONDON CZECHOSLOVAK NIGHT FIGHTERS BROUGHT DOWN SIX GERMAN AIRCRAFT. THREE OF THE MACHINES WERE DESTROYED BY A SERGEANT PILOT WITHIN FOUR HOURS.

Four Messerschmitts fell to the Czechoslovak fighter pilots last month. Another Messerschmitt was brought down in the Channel last week.

Meanwhile members of the Czechoslovak bomber squadron have been hitting targets in Germany and the German-occupied countries. Some of their recent successes have been attacks on Berlin, the U-boat base at Lorient, the oil reservoirs at Wilhelmshaven, shipyards and a vitally important factory at Bremen.

THE AUSTRALIAN WAR CABINET YESTERDAY CONSIDERED MATTERS OF HIGH POLICY IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SERVICE CHIEFS.

They also further discussed the Far Eastern situation and later reviewed soldiers' pay. Mr. Spender, War Minister, announced allotments to dependents of missing soldiers would be payable for six months after soldiers are reported missing.

There was a wide discussion on procedure to implement the Cabinet's request that Mr. Menzies should proceed to London, and it is expected it will be further considered in the War Council meeting to-day.

It is probable also that a resolution will be submitted to both Houses of Parliament separately. Support of a large majority of the Labour caucus is expected al-

though interest at the moment is centred on the sessional party meetings.

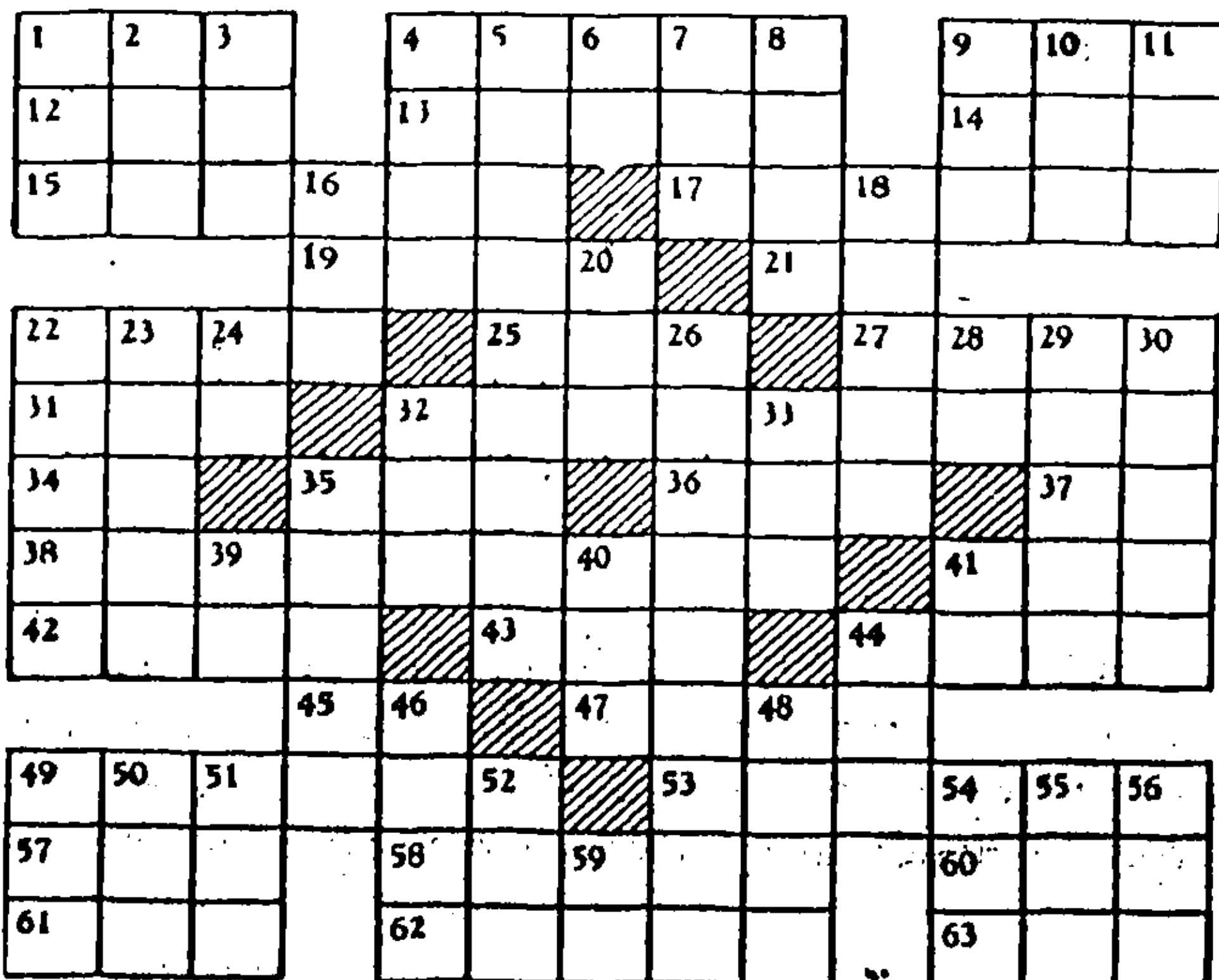
### Labour Attitude

While the Labour Opposition leader, Mr. Curtin, has not yet committed himself on the proposal that Mr. Menzies should go to London for war consultation, his deputy leader, Mr. Forde, and the former Federal High Court Judge, Mr. Evatt, announce their opposition to Mr. Menzies' departure for London.

Their opposition is based on the grounds that Mr. Menzies' place is in Australia at this critical time.

Several New South Wales members of the Federal Parliament also oppose the proposal.—Reuter.

## OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



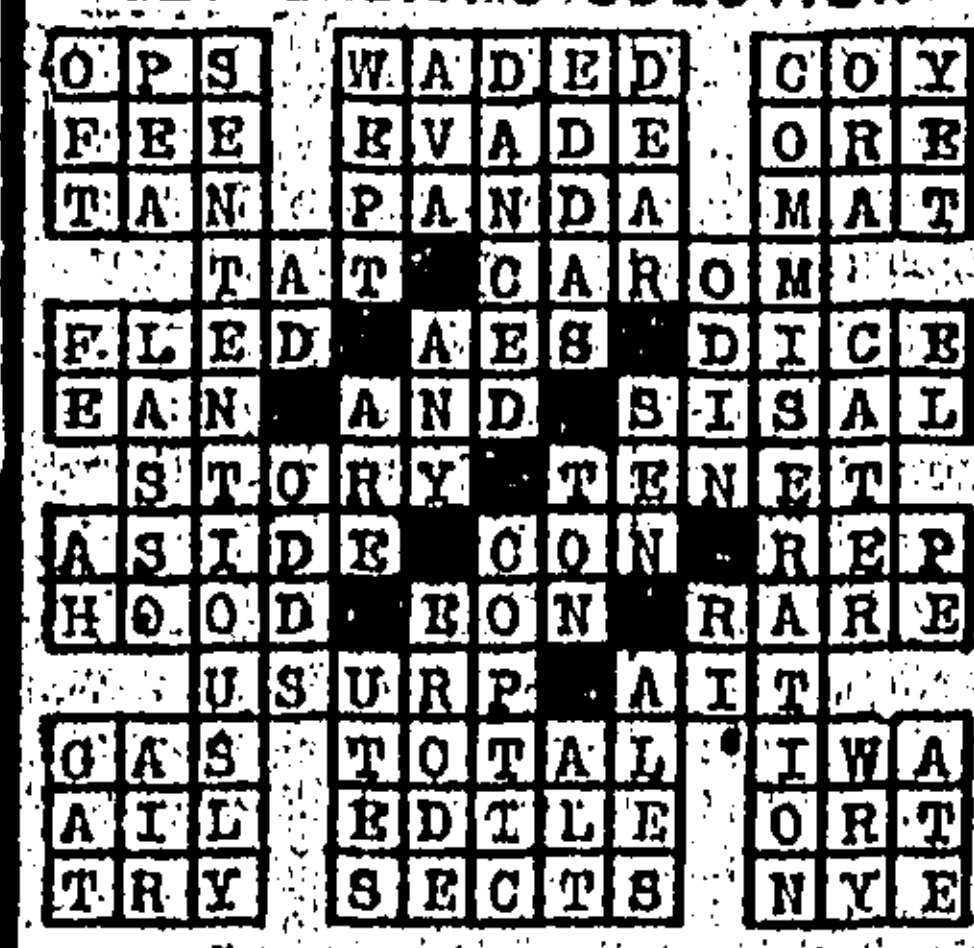
### HORIZONTAL

- 1 To knock
- 4 Man's name
- 9 Female sheep
- 12 War god
- 13 To divert
- 14 Gibbon
- 18 To hold motionless for lack of wind
- 17 To gratify
- 19 Regularly shaped mass
- 21 Note of scale
- 22 Sea in Russian
- 25 Instantly
- 27 To clench
- 31 Hawaiian food
- 32 Line bound a surface
- 34 Hebrew month
- 35 Vase
- 36 To pose
- 37 Mulberry
- 38 To place
- 41 Japanese statesman
- 42 Short jacket
- 43 Brownie
- 44 Arabian seaport
- 45 Paid notice
- 47 Clump

### VERTICAL

- 1 To mark with ridges
- 2 Part of "to be"
- 3 Moccasin
- 4 Nimbus
- 5 An indwelling
- 6 Symbol for ruthenium
- 7 Poisonous snake
- 8 To dissolve
- 9 High note
- 10 Used to be
- 11 Before
- 16 Entirely
- 18 Numeral
- 20 Because
- 22 Swiftly
- 23 Mechanical man
- 24 Sloth
- 26 Yearningly
- 28 Note of scale
- 29 Angry
- 30 Tower
- 32 Prefix in favour of
- 33 Pastry
- 35 Pertaining to a bone of the arm
- 39 Behold!
- 40 Music: high
- 41 European fish
- 44 Philippine savage
- 46 Plate
- 48 To bend
- 49 Head covering
- 50 To be obliged to
- 51 Character in Spenser's "Fairy Queen"
- 52 Music: as written
- 54 Wire measure
- 55 High card
- 56 To place
- 59 Italian article

### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



## HEROINE LILIAN DEFIED BOMBS

Most nights 18-year-old Lillian Griffiths spends hours serving soldiers across the counter of a W.V.S. canteen on Stockport Station.

Other evenings she acts as typist to the Romiley Home Guard.

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But at her Heald Green, Romiley, home, her mother knows nothing of her daughter's bravery, because "she just won't talk about herself," Mrs. Griffiths told a reporter.

Lillian had to drive a van of food supplies to Liverpool. Bombs fell as she entered the city. Once she had to get out and dive under her van as the shriek of falling bombs warned her.

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# HOPE RE-BORN AMONG FRENCH PEOPLE

RESISTANCE "JUSQU'AU BOUT"—to the very end—is becoming the motto of French secret societies as determination to hinder the German war effort is born of new hope for victory and eventual freedom.

Heartened by British successes, overjoyed by American action, the French people are beginning to look away from bombed homes, broken families, hunger and cold, and write letters which begin like this:

"Dear friends in America, do not think we are unhappy. We are present at the rebirth of France." Or like this:

"We needed an antidote to political corruption, and we have it. It is bitter, no doubt of that. But does that matter? We shall soon eliminate this counter-poison."

## Waiting To Cast The Burden

Little by little there slip past the German censor suggestions of the way the new determination to resist is beginning to find expression in action.

"Our burden is heavy, but we will bear it," one man writes. "And we are preparing to throw it down at the least signal. You will understand what we mean."

"My friend, Mr. A—, is in prison for six months. So are many of our neighbours. The telephone lines around our district (near Paris) are now constantly guarded."

Much is explained by the spirit of courage and resolution to be found in the letters which have been arriving in Boston during the past few weeks.

"The French people, you may be sure," one typical writer explains, "have bent neither their heads nor their hearts before the enemy. Some men may have made doormats of themselves, but the rest of the Nation has the faith and hope that move mountains, and they will move the landslide of evil on our land."

## Comment Elicits Replies

Letters such as these reach the Boston offices of the World Wide

Broadcasting Company every day in response to its programme of news and comment in the French language.

Some are closely written on tissue-thin sheets of paper—expensive commodity in Europe!—and often mailed in defiance of the censor, the letters tell of clandestine meetings around a short-wave set, of eagerness to hear the forbidden truth, of friendly, whispered greetings on the streets: "I heard Boston last night."

A 15-year-old school girl tore out a yellow lined sheet of her copy-book and in a childish hand wrote this to "the spiker in Boston":

"We are all counting on you and our English friends for the liberation of France. And so, in silence, we are resisting and praying for you."

## Right From The Heart

"Mama tells all her customers to listen to your sendings. I am only 15 and I can't explain myself more clearly, all that I can say is, from the bottom of my heart, please take courage, we are all depending on you."

And in a postscript she begs the reader not to "find this absurd."

American aid for fighting Britain has won the hearts of the French, who remain stoutly loyal to their former ally, and in almost every letter reaching Boston there is an expression of affection for the States.

One writer thanks "all America from New Mexico to Illinois and from Maine to the West Coast including Alaska." Another begins, "We would not be much without you—your great country, and our allies, would we? All the French know this, and that is why we love you more and more."

## Thanks For Help To Allies

"Our joy is great in knowing that thanks to you, our allies possess formidable armament; and every time you announce ever greater help, our hearts overflow with joy."

This appeal for help in the battle for freedom is unselfish. "Dear friends, it is not necessary to think of sending us food," one man writes, signing his letter "78" to signify "the number of people who greet you." "Only help our allies and our Free-French brothers. As for us, we will support our privations with courage until victory."

Re writing to the Red Cross milk which apparently failed to reach any French children in the occupied zone, another writer says:

"Yes, naturally, they (the Germans) must have found it very good, especially when it is difficult to get anything to eat."

## Wouldn't Get Meat Anyway

He adds that the French as a whole do not resent the British blockade which prevents American ships bearing meat from reaching the Continent "for no Frenchman would have the pleasure of tasting that meat."

"I think it is useless for you to send anything to France, free zone or occupied, since everything passes into the stomachs of the German gentlemen."

Through all their misfortunes, the French have apparently not lost their sense of humour.

"The traitor of the Stuttgart (German propaganda) radio," a letter from Brittany recalls, "used to say to us, 'You have butter, we

## UNOCCUPIED FRANCE IN FAIR CONDITION

Dr. Alexis Carrel, research scientist who has been touring France to study the effects of food deficiencies, has arrived in Paris, the Paris press says.

Newspapers said Dr. Carrel had found health conditions in the unoccupied zone "very satisfying," adding that his "statement contrasted singularly with certain reports spread in America."

## "BE LIKE DAD, KEEP MUM" ANNOYS

Dr. Edith Summerskill asked the Minister of Information if he was aware that the poster bearing the words "Be Like Dad, Keep Mum" was offensive to women and was a source of irritation to house-wives whose work in the home, if paid for at current rates, would make a substantial addition to the family income and whether he would have the poster withdrawn from the boardings.

The Minister: I am sorry if words intended to amuse should have succeeded in irritating. I cannot, however, believe that the irritation is very profound. Dr. Summerskill: Are you aware that this poster is not amusing but is in the worst Victorian music hall taste, and is a reflection on your whole department?

Mr. Duff Cooper: I always thought music halls were at their best in Victorian days. (Laughter.) Dr. Summerskill: If you go to a modern music hall you will find that this kind of joke is not indulged in and does this not suggest you are a little out of date for the work you are doing?

have cannons. I say to him, 'We no longer have butter, but we have Greece.'

## The Tricolour Flew Again

On Armistice Day last year, the same writer proudly recounts, the French demonstrated their independence of spirit. Decorating the graves of World War soldiers, they arranged wreaths in the Bleu-Blanc-Rouge, defying a German ban on the tricolour insignia. He adds:

"There were English flags placed into the wreaths, and in the cemetery, veterans stood guard over the tombs of two English soldiers. It was simple, beautiful, French."

"In all French hearts hope is germinating—hope which trusts, hardy and tenacious, full of resolve and pride. 'We place our faith in God and in our friends throughout the world. A great battle lost is not a war lost, especially when the whole world is rising up against evil.'"

## EPIC OF CRETE REVEALED

A high Dominion official now in London declared that when the history of the war is written, the evacuation of Crete will be found no less a miracle than that of Dunkirk.

It can now be revealed that, as the result of action taken after an 11th-hour conference, the New Zealand losses, which looked like totalling two-thirds, were reduced to one-third.

Official said: "Things looked extremely black, and it seemed impossible to do more. We have to thank Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet, who, appreciating the terrific effect on New Zealand morale, such heavy losses would have, decided to make a desperate last attempt to take off more troops."

"So the cruiser Phoebe (8,450 tons) was hastily refuelled, re-ammunitioned, and loaded up with medical supplies, with Admiral Cunningham, called from his dinner, personally supervising."

"The Phoebe, with escorting destroyers, set off on its hazardous and heroic mission. We waited breathlessly, hoping against hope. They got through and brought off 2,000 New Zealanders, in addition to Australians and some Britons."

The official revealed that some of the troops trocked from 35 to 50 miles on foot across Crete, many with German bullets still in their bodies. One man nursed the stump of an arm which had been blown off by a grenade.



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## DAYLIGHT RAID

The brilliantly organised daylight raid upon Cologne; the first to be delivered against a city in Germany's vast interior since our bases were thrown back from Northern France to the British Isles, is a sign not merely of Britain's growing air strength, but also of mounting British confidence in ability to assume the heavier risks of daylight onslaught over hostile territory. With it, the Air Ministry's disclosure that Germany this summer has been bombed as heavily as Britain was bombed in the gloomy depths of last winter, emphasises Mr. Churchill's terrible promise of mid-July that "We will mete out to the Germans the measure and more than the measure they have meted out to us."

More than the Mosaic eye-for-an-eye, tooth-for-a-tooth is involved here. More than the human impulse to strike back lies behind this promise, more than hate answering hate. Many British people are convinced that the best hope of ending the war is to convince the German people that they will suffer increasingly as it is prolonged.

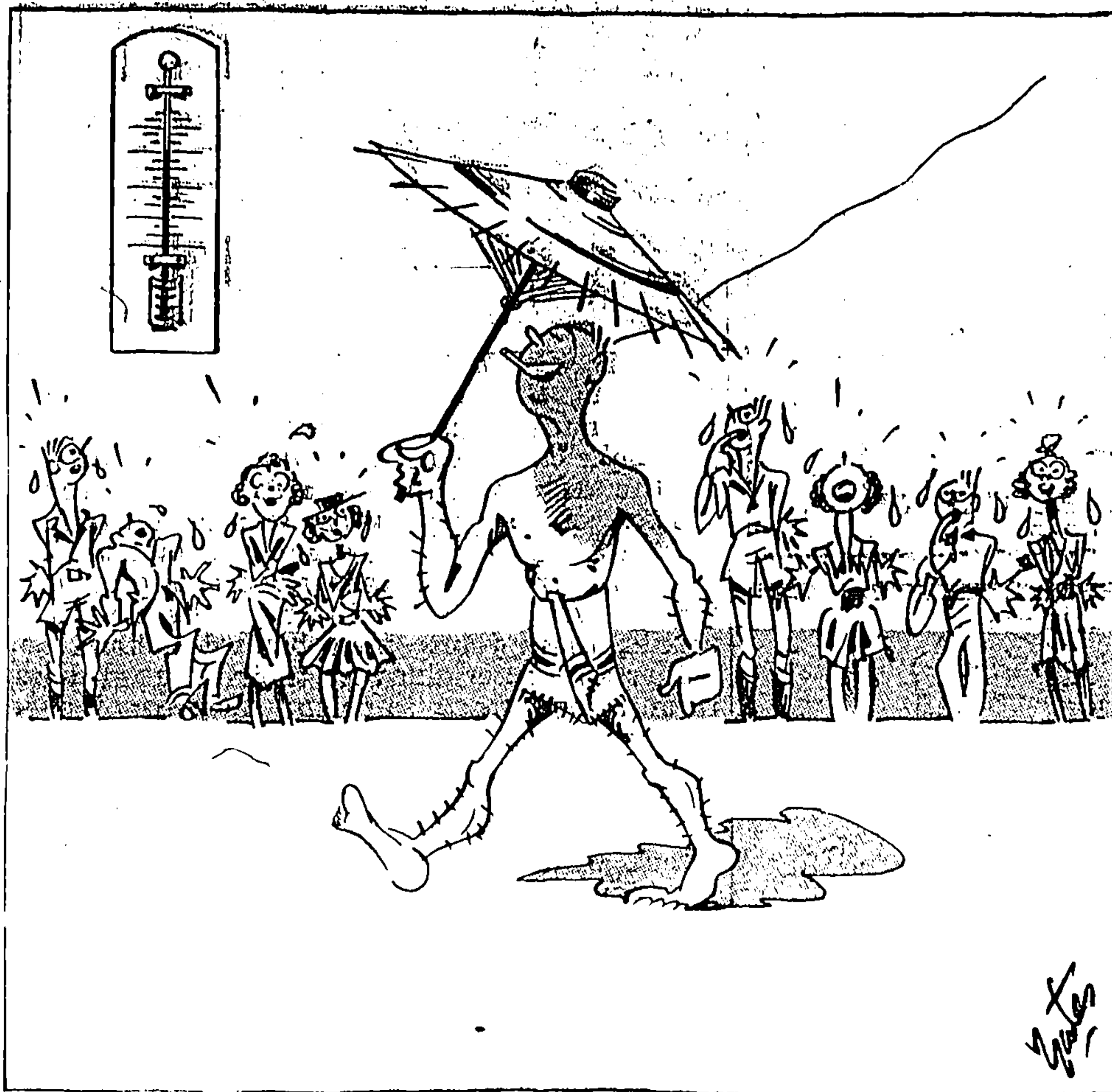
There is also a growing conviction that merely destroying the Nazi power will only do what the destruction of the Hohenzollern dynasty did last time—bring after a time a revival of Prussian militarism in some new form. Many Germans themselves have said that the German people—who have not felt the foot of an invader since Napoleon's day—must be cured of dreams of national glory based on their remarkable military efficiency.

This view is reflected in Mr. Churchill's statement:

"It is time that the Germans should be made to suffer in their own homeland and cities something of the torments they have let loose upon their neighbours and upon the world."

Human punishment is still based on experience which teaches that mortals change slowly and after many lessons in suffering. Those who have not been bombed are not in the best position to oppose British demands that the German people must be made to suffer. Yet they may hope that the circumstances may so develop that the lesson will be learned without

## CLOTHES AND THE CLIMATE



THE MAN WHO WENT THE WHOLE HOG

# A Breath Of French Air

I have had the good fortune to be allowed to look through files of hundreds of letters from practically every corner of France, occupied and unoccupied, written since the German invasion of the country. The correspondents belong to a great variety of class, age and condition, men and women, old and young. Only one is a French Protestant; the majority, without mentioning their religion, casually slip in the mention of some saint or some devotion, thereby supplying indirect evidence that French Catholics think of France's liberation first, of her moral and religious regeneration as only secondarily possible, however desirable. One can read the feeling between the lines that although decrees on divorce, religious education, political honesty, agricultural reform and so forth may be useful and hopeful diversions, they will mean little until the day France is free.

It will be remembered that General de Gaulle, on the eve of the New Year, broadcast to all Frenchmen the request to stay indoors on January 1, in protest against the armistice and the occupation. Here is a letter written on January 6, and despatched from one particular French town in the names of the women, whose husbands were at that moment held as war prisoners: "General de Gaulle. Your orders have been obeyed on New Year's Day, and in the whole town of—only 'greens' (des verts, i.e. Germans) were seen in the streets. This means that the whole of France is behind you." These ladies write in the same letter: "It is in the name of a group of admirers of General de Gaulle in—that I venture to express our complete confidence in you. We also thank all the soldiers who have answered your appeal and rallied round you to fight the enemy and redeem France's honour. We all know that under an energetic leader and a true Frenchman like you, France will see her day of victory. Our spirits, once very low, have risen since the day we heard of you and found a hopeful future to look forward to. Let us keep our courage intact, you to beat the enemy, we women to face the difficulties of life."

### The Stake Is Civilisation

From a Frenchman to his sons, who have joined the Free Forces: "When in your turn you will go into action, remember that, if you are in command, the

the "month after month, year after year," Mr. Churchill promised.

stake is life or death for the civilised world. And remember whom you are dealing with. The German is very humble in the presence of the strong, but his brutality has no limits whenever he is the stronger. It is—kill or be killed. Be brave, cheerful, and set a good example to your men.

"In T—, I do not know for what fault, hostages were marched to the Square and a bomb was thrown into their midst. I did not see it, but your mother and I heard it read out of a letter that came from the place."

In one French city, the women have combined to write each in turn to the "Legionaries," and to keep the correspondence going some of the letters, or at least one, reaches the Free Forces to tell them how all the women of France take their inspiration from them. Here is one of these letters: "Legionaries: We are a group of French women who daily draw our strength to live from your faith and your sacrifice. We also want to serve, after your example; and we shall serve, each where God has placed her; however tiny the place be. This we swear to you, who are worthier than we. But we thought that over there, in spite of the friendliness that surrounds you, you may miss a breath of French air; this breath we wish to send you, and that is why we meet. We shall write to you each in turn. It may be that many of the letters will not reach you, but we shall leave no means untried: were but one of them to break through and recall to you the face of a mother, a sweetheart, or a little daughter, we shall be happy enough, and shall have attained our object."

### Their Legendary Home

That the humblest Frenchmen are thinking in terms of the larger issues, is shown by a letter coming from a corner of France known for its picturesqueness and its chivalrous traditions. It is addressed to the British: "Bent under the shame of the armistice and our disloyalty to you, dear British friends, we were very near despair when General de Gaulle and his soldiers saved the honour of France! Thanks to their courage and self-denial, which compensate for the failings we deplored so deeply, we dare again lift our heads. For in S., we never for a moment submitted to the forsaking of our British comrades, nor the deser-

tion of France. If there were sad defections in a few places, if certain leaders were not equal to their task, in S., we fought well. Facing the Germans and attacked in the rear by the Italians, in spite of inferiority in numbers and equipment, our soldiers held out. And they cannot resign themselves to the surrender of the country, and are all eager and ready to join you, whenever the moment of liberation will come. In our villages General de Gaulle is the legendary hero who has saved the Empire and will save France. We will wait, no matter what we suffer, no matter what our sorrows are since we can once again raise our heads. I would also like you to know how admirable our clergy have been, at a time when we thought everything was lost, and before your broadcasts came to bring us the certainty that you were carrying on the fight. It was our clergy, who, from our church pulpits, told us to put our trust in England; and when we held our annual pilgrimage to St. Francis de Sales on a small hill of C., over 4,000 people prayed last September for the victory of France and her Allies.

"As to you, dear British friends, how can we express our deepest gratitude for your courage, and especially for your magnanimity: never a word of blame for our desertion, for the calumnies that fill our newspapers, for the wrongs we have involuntarily caused you. Our deep admiration goes out to the brave population of London. We marvel at its heroism."

From other letters, which we have not space to quote, interesting observations are casually made on the R.A.F.'s raids over France, as for instance that "British bombers aim well, and we are not nervous. . . . We buried some victims of a British air raid! Que voulez-vous, c'est la guerre. . . ." and other remarks, showing that the aims of British hostilities over France are clearly realised to be for the eventual liberation of France, and that the French people are willing to pay the price.

These are but a few quotations, but they are representative of what is expressed by hundreds of correspondents: a noble shame for the surrender of France and a silent but burning wish to see the British and the Free French fighting side by side to ultimate victory.

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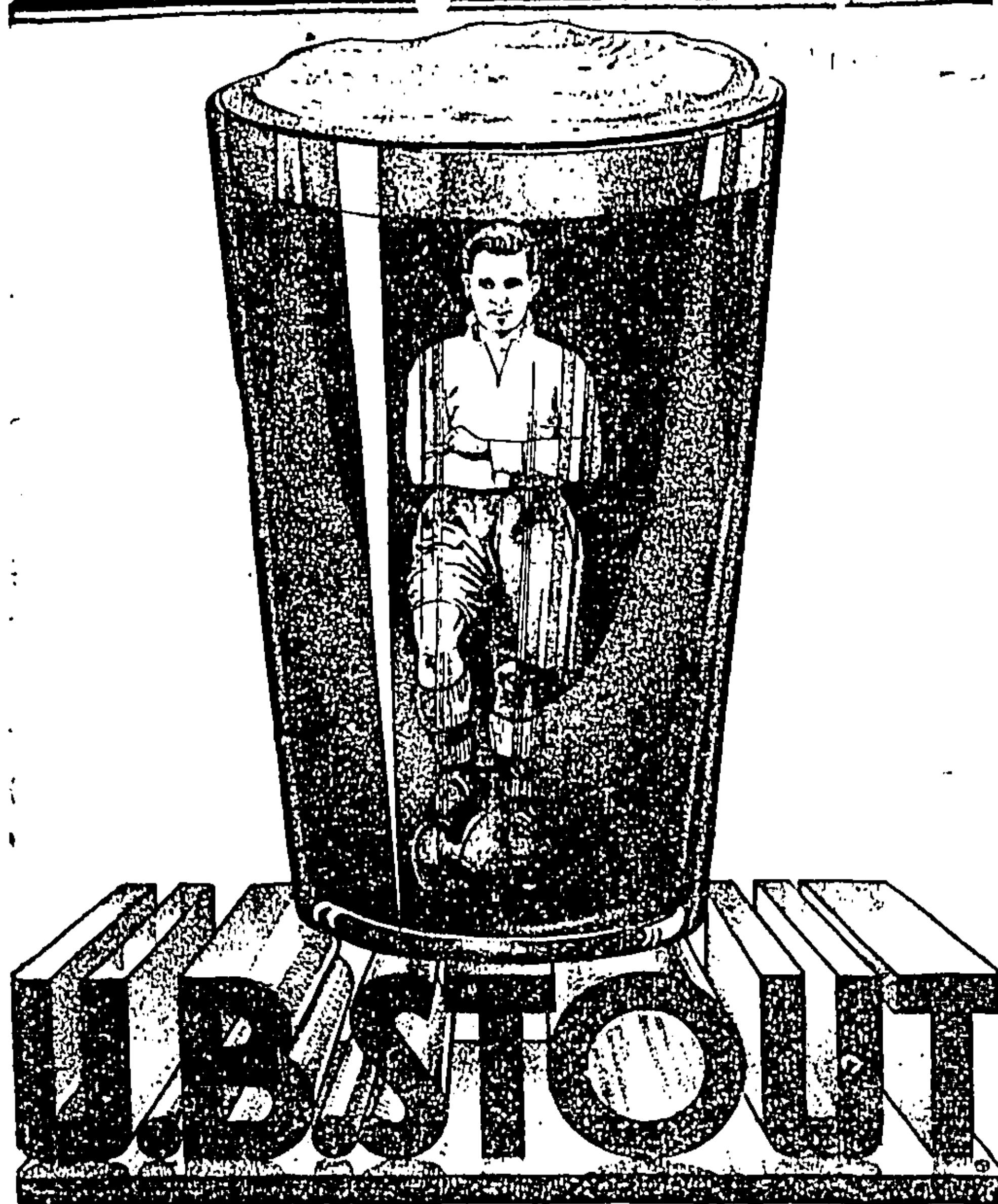


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# SWITZERLAND DEFENDS FREE EUROPE

AMONG EUROPE'S S. S. and S. A. troops, Iron Guardists, Sons of Wolves, Fascist organisations, and Communist guards, there is one organisation of politically elite young men who are fighting openly for the ideals and the methods of democracy with the weapons of propaganda and mass psychology. They are the Gotthard League of Switzerland.

Faced by the constantly increasing undermining activity of Nazi splitter parties and foreign agents, these young men banded themselves together and determined in their leaves of absence from Army service to defend their country with propaganda as they were ready to defend it with modern weapons on the frontier. They based their decision on the knowledge that the Axis powers regard propaganda as a part of warfare itself and attack with words and ideas and emotions before they come with bombers and tanks.

First of all, the young Gotthard Leaguers decided to put a halt to the rumours which ran about the country on every occasion in which Europe and Switzerland faced a crisis. They were sure that hundreds of professional rumourmongers in the pay of the Axis were taking advantage of the receptivity to any wild tale which the excitement and tension of the European situation periodically created in the Swiss public mind.

Women would come with the excited tale that a leading Army officer had just fled the country. Farm hands would whisper mysteriously that two spies had just been caught dressed as nuns. People would say that "certain higher officers" were converted to Nazism.

## Caution On Rumours

The Gotthard League in key positions in the Army and in civil life traced these rumours as far as possible. The story seemed to be most frequently pinned on a non-existent "lieutenant colonel." Wherever they could in their contact the Gottharders urged civilians to restraint and discipline in the spreading of such rumours and to a calm skeptical attitude toward any story of a sensational nature unconfirmed by official sources.

They went even further than this. They handed chronic rumourmongers whose weakness was merely the vanity of knowing the latest story over to the police for light penalties and professionals in the game who spread rumour with the intent to weaken the morale of the country for severe punishments.

Most slippery customers are the well-organised "fifth column" in every Swiss city who, just as in Czechoslovakia, Austria, Holland, Belgium and Poland, divide the district into blocks for each of which a "columnist" is "responsible." The Gottharders are determined to bring their methods out into the light and to expose their word for the fraud that it is.

## Tell Real Conditions

Gotthard leaders are at the present time speaking from countless platforms of Switzerland combating the insidious idea carefully planted and spread by these paid "columnists" that Switzerland cannot and will not defend itself in case of attack. The Swiss can and will defend themselves, of this the Gottharders are convinced with a crusading conviction which they are carrying to every one of their fellow citizens.

The ridiculous promises of "fifth columnists" of "free train rides and overnights in the best hotels," "furniture and cheap houses," "State bonuses to the small saver and decreased taxes" and countless other benefits in return for a "change of mind" toward Germany are being exposed by the Gotthard men in public lectures delivered by people of intelligence who have actually been to these neighbouring foreign countries which are supposed to be so ideal and who actually know and can describe conditions there.

The Swiss are an international people acquainted with every country in Europe where they have business and personal connections. It is very difficult to fool them.

A more difficult problem is economic and political spying. The Swiss have an efficient though small Federal police to enforce the laws against this activity, but it is impossible in a Nation where there are so many Germans and other foreigners to keep the Axis powers from getting information of a personal or business nature which they politely and ruthlessly employ to bring pressure on individuals to gain inner political influence.

## Typical Axis Pressure

They use such phrases as, "We would appreciate it if so and so would change his stand on such and such a question." Of course the Germans have exact records of the weaknesses of character, ambition, lack of success and money, debts of leading men in every branch of public and business life.

Against the sort of fear which such an uncanny weapon can spread the Gotthard Leaguers bring the example of fearless patriotism and constant clarification and enunciation of the "lasting principles of Swiss democracy."

They are not stiff reactionaries. They have many reforms to make Swiss democracy better, to give the workers a better life and to inspire youth to take part in public life and to strengthen the family, but they do believe ardently in Swiss democracy as "The greatest state idea the world has ever seen combining various cultural groups, languages, religions and labour organisations in free fellowship, tolerance and cooperation."

They mean to defend this ideal. So far from taking orders from the "New Europe" they feel themselves the symbol of another kind of Europe, a freer and better one.

## PANTOMIME DEVICE TO SELL DRINKS

When a military police corporal entered a Bournemouth club as a guest he was asked if he was a member. When he replied that he was not, the barmaid said she could not serve him.

She suggested, however, that he should give some money to a woman member nearby and she would buy the drinks. This he did.

David Roy, proprietor and secretary of the club, was fined £120 with £2 costs on five summonses of selling intoxicating drinks without a licence.

The barmaid, Ann Blant, was fined £2 for selling intoxicants to non-members, prosecuting solicitor describing the method of serving drinks as a "ludicrous pantomime" and "threadbare device."

## KING'S NAME FOR ENGINE

A new L.M.S. Coronation class streamlined engine is to be named King George VI.

## DOCTOR IN "BABY" CASE STRUCK OFF

Dr. Arthur John Ireland, of Stone Hurst, Tunstall, Staffordshire, has been struck off the medical register.

This was an echo of the "Lady Haldon baby" case, in which Dr. Ireland's wife, who had said she was Lady Haldon, was sentenced to three years' penal servitude.

Dr. Ireland was bound over for giving false information concerning a birth, and for making a false statement.

## INDIA'S PART AS ALLY OF BRITAIN

India's contributions in men and materials to Britain's war effort, and its mighty potentialities as an Empire arsenal, were described by Firoz Noon, High Commissioner for India in London.

Now in the United States discussing trade problems concerning India and the United States, Mr. Noon added that Indian troops in considerable number were fighting in Eritrea, Ethiopia and in Libya.

India has found a new degree of unity in its wish to see the defeat of totalitarianism, and this unity is spurring the Indian war effort, Mr. Noon stressed. In spite of differences between the British Government, the Moslem League and the All-India National Congress, the country is unanimous in wanting to see Hitler defeated, he said.

India's war usefulness to Britain is a three-fold matter, Mr. Noon continued.

First he stressed the ability of the country's steel industry and manufacturing plants, backed by unlimited supplies of raw materials, to turn out guns, tanks and ammunition. Second, the vast manpower of India with its potentialities for turning out soldiers. Third, India's possible assistance to the British Commonwealth of Nations in resisting Japanese demands in the Far East.

Under the first heading, the High Commissioner stressed that India to-day is producing 90 per cent. of its war requirements.

In manpower categories, Mr. Noon said, the Indian army has grown from 100,000 to 500,000 men since the war's inception.

Back of India's war manufactures, the High Commissioner added, is its steel mills but it is at present seeking certain machine tools for defence industries in the United States, where, he disclosed, the Indian Purchasing Company, headquartered in New York, has made large purchases of engines and other war material.

## COMMONS' BOMBING LOSSES

Members of the House of Commons staff who have lost clothes and effects through the bombing of Parliament are to receive assistance in presenting their claims so that they may receive immediate attention.



# DEFEAT OF NAZIS VITAL TO TRADE OF ALL

THE ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE of defeating Germany was urged upon the general session of the international conference of the New Education Fellowship at Ann Arbor, Michigan, by Dr. Maurice J. Bonn of London.

Declaring that we have "to liquidate imperialism, not to revive it," he predicted that we will have to adjust our over-expanded structural industries and provide them with world markets after the war.

"We can only do it successfully by developing the less matured areas of the world, among them Africa, the Far East and Latin America," he added.

"We shall have war economies for a long time, whatever the outcome of the war," said Dr. Bonn. "But there is this difference; if the Allies are victorious, these measures will be temporary, the result of an emergency. They will have to be accepted though they may not be liked and they can be abolished or modified when the emergency has passed. To the Axis powers they represent the natural system of society; a conception which can only be destroyed by defeat."

"Notwithstanding the great mistakes which have been made in the peace treaties ending the first world war and in the period following them, very great and by no means retrograde social changes have taken place," Dr. Bonn continued. "A new world has arisen since the fateful last days of July, 1914, when the old order went to pieces."

## Urges "New Set Of Principles"

"There is no need for a new set of principles, but there is great need for their proper universal application to ever-changing new conditions. Many so-called progressives crave originality; a good world order is very much less important to them than a new world order. But the fate of mankind is not improved by stunning novelties; it is not an affair of rapidly changing Spring and Autumn social fashions."

"The direction which change will take depends far less on abstract principles than on concrete conditions. We cannot debate whether or not we should return to a world such as existed before 1914. Even if it had been a perfect world, which is certainly a doubtful assertion, it has been destroyed. It is as dead as Queen Anne and cannot be revived."

Dr. Bonn went on to say: "We have to liquidate imperialism, not to revive it. We will have to adjust our over-expanded structural industries and provide them with world markets."

"We can only do it successfully by developing the less matured areas of the world, among them Africa, the Far East and Latin America. The first is comparatively easy but probably limited, the second can only be done in co-operation with China and a humbled Japan. It will imply the recognition that the Far East is no longer the white man's exploiting ground."

"Latin America offers by far the greatest possibility for expansion, and even for large-scale population movements it has been a kind of international colony, as far as its economic development was concerned."

"Their wealth, their assumed nearness and their efficiency will make the United States the natural leaders in this part of world reconstruction. Their leadership will fall if they do not look beyond continental ambition and imagine that they can help to establish a new world order by building new separating walls."

## Davila Hails New Unity

Carlos Davila, former Chilean Ambassador to the United States, predicted that democracy would see to it that misery in the midst of plenty did not continue in the Western Hemisphere.

He told his audience that it was not surprising that the development of Inter-American solidarity had been a slow process inasmuch as the only common denominator for many years between the United States and Latin America had been their geographical location in the same hemisphere.

Saying that "the forty or fifty years of the black chapter in the relations between the United States and Latin America" were "now fortunately past and forgotten," Mr. Davila added that it must be admitted that compared with empires of Asia and Europe in the past the United States had shown "a great deal of fairness, justice and respect in its relations with the other countries of this hemisphere."

The factor for unity, however, he continued, had not been economic but psychological, "the faith in a common cause, the fear of a great common danger which suddenly took hold of the people, surmounting the all too often mentioned consideration of a political, diplomatic, cultural or economic nature."

## X-RAY UNITS FROM U.S.

Two X-ray trailer units presented to the Red Cross and St. John War Organisation by Mrs. Winant, wife of the United States Ambassador, will be for use at Southampton and Winchester. A third unit is on its way to England for service at Bournemouth.

The units, the gift of New Hampshire, United States, to help hospitals in Hampshire, England, were handed over at the American Embassy, and were received by Gen. Sir John Duncan, Chief Commissioner of the St. John Ambulance Brigade; Lady Louis Mounbatten, county president of the brigade for London; and the Countess of Malmesbury, president of the Hampshire branch of the British Red Cross Society.

## WAVELL RUMOUR DENIED

The New York "Post" suggests that it was at the instance of Australia that General Sir Archibald Wavell was replaced as Commander-in-Chief in the Middle East by General Sir Charles Auchinleck.

Under the heading, "Wavell Shift Menzies's Idea," it publishes the following Associated Press of America message from London: "Australian criticism of General Sir Archibald Wavell's conduct of the Libya campaign precipitated the shake-up."

"From Australian sources it was learned that resentment by the Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, was an important factor in General Wavell's shift."

"Australian staff officers, these sources said, advised General Wavell against his defensive dispositions after his army had run the Italians from Cyrenaica."

"General Wavell was reported to have replied that the 300 miles of desert between his army and the Axis troops in Tripoli would hold any enemy advance to small units."

"As a result, the western defences of Cyrenaica were reduced to release troops for Greece. The Germans hit the British screen. They swept the British from the territory, the taking of which cost hundreds of Australian lives."

## Mr. Menzies's Denial

When the New York report was mentioned to Mr. Menzies he said:—

"The suggestion is entirely untrue. It is not even like the average lie, which has some shadowy half foundation somewhere."

## CANADA GIVING HAPPINESS TO BRITISH CHILDREN

(By VICTOR LEWIS)

THE BOYS OF Victoria High School, British Columbia, were to give a concert in a few days' time. Main item was the school orchestra. But there was a snag. The orchestra lacked just one member—a violinist.

In the nick of time a little lad who had travelled 3,000 miles arrived—and the school orchestra was saved.

Donald Bellamy had come all the way from Grimsby, England. Practically the first question they asked him at the school was: "Can you play a violin?" And when he said: "Yes," he was the hero of the hour.

To-day, Donald is one of the stars of the school orchestra.

He is also one of the 6,000 British children between the ages of five and 16 to whom the homes of several thousand Canadians in all parts of the vast Dominion have opened their doors.

The children, living in Canada for "the duration," are no longer referred to as refugees, or even as evacuees. "Guest children" they are called—and as guests they are treated.

They go to school with the children of their Canadian "foster

parents," and play Canadian games.

In the words of an official of the Canadian Pacific Railway, which played a major part in seeing the children safely to their new homes—"When they return to England, Scotland, Wales, or Northern Ireland, wherever their homes may be, they will be richer in experience for their enforced but by no means unpleasant absence from their homeland."

One of the happiest of these children is Thyrza McGillivray, of Glasgow. She had always wanted to learn to cook.

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## HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB

### Notice To Members

The 54th Annual General Meeting of members will take place in the Club House on FRIDAY, 15th August, 1941, at 6 p.m.

E. L. STRANGE,  
Hon. Sec.

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### Notice To Shareholders

NOTICE is hereby given that an Interim Dividend of \$1.00 per Share has been declared for the half year ended 30th June, 1941, payable on MONDAY, 25th AUGUST, 1941, on which date Dividend Warrants may be obtained on application at the Office of the Company, Kowloon.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from SATURDAY, 16th AUGUST, 1941, to MONDAY, 25th AUGUST, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.  
C. M. MANNERS,  
Secretary & Manager.  
Hong Kong, 11th August, 1941.

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T. BLACK,  
Commissioner of War Taxation.  
Hong Kong, 11th Aug., 1941.



## NOTICE

### REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE NO. 12 OF 1939

#### A. REGISTRATION OF BRITISH SUBJECTS

1. All British subjects (male and female) other than persons of Chinese race and members of His Majesty's regular Naval, Military and Air Force and the Hong Kong Police Force shall within two weeks of arrival in the Colony make a return in the approved form and shall deliver the return to the Police Registration of Persons' Office, 4th floor, Chung Tin Building. British subjects (excluding the exempted classes already mentioned) who change their residential or business address or who are about to leave the Colony shall report the fact to the Police Registration of Persons' Office within one week before any such change of address or intended departure. IN THE CASE OF PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS (INCLUDING YOUNG CHILDREN) THEIR RETURN SHALL BE MADE AND SIGNED BY THE PERSON'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN.

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1. All aliens, other than those of Chinese race or those exempted by section 2 (5) of the Ordinance, who arrive in the Colony or who change their residential or business address or who are about to leave the Colony, shall report the fact in person or in writing for registration at the Registration Office (address above) within 48 hours after every such arrival or within one week before every such change of address or intended departure as the case may be.

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Sd. J. P. PENNEFATHER-EVANS,  
Commissioner of Police.  
Hong Kong, 13th Aug. 1941.

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## BRIDGE NOTES

### THE EXTRA CHANCE

#### By The Four Aces

One of the distinguishing marks of the expert is that he plays a hand in such a fashion that he has some extra chance to make a hand which most players would miss. For example:

|               |  |                       |  |
|---------------|--|-----------------------|--|
| South, Dealer |  | Both sides vulnerable |  |
| NORTH         |  |                       |  |
| ♠ 10 7 6 5    |  |                       |  |
| ♥ A Q J 4     |  |                       |  |
| ♦ K           |  |                       |  |
| ♣ A K 8 4     |  |                       |  |
| WEST          |  | EAST                  |  |
| ♠ Q J 3       |  | 2                     |  |
| ♥ 10 5 2      |  | ♥ K 7 6               |  |
| ♦ Q J 10 9    |  | ♦ 8 7 5 4 2           |  |
| ♣ J 10 9      |  | ♣ 7 6 5 3             |  |
| SOUTH         |  |                       |  |
| ♠ A K 9 8 4   |  |                       |  |
| ♥ 9 8 3       |  |                       |  |
| ♦ A 6 3       |  |                       |  |
| ♣ Q 2         |  |                       |  |

The bidding:

| South | West | North | East |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1♠    | Pass | 3♠    | Pass |
| 3♠    | Pass | 5♠    | Pass |
| 6♠    | Pass | Pass  | Pass |

West opened the Queen of diamonds, and South looked at the dummy and congratulated himself on being in an excellent contract.

The contract was a lay-down for twelve tricks if the trumps were evenly split or if the King of hearts happened to be in the West hand. The odds were

about two to one that one of these conditions would obtain—and there was also an extra chance.

South won the opening lead with dummy's King of Diamonds and laid down the two top trumps. When East showed out on the second round of trumps, most players would take the heart finesse at once, thinking it their only chance. But South saw no reason to rush matters; the heart finesse could be taken later on.

First, South tried out the clubs. When the Queen produced the nine of clubs from West, South began to hope. His hopes were confirmed when dummy's high clubs drew West's ten and Jack, setting up the eight of clubs as a winner. On the Ace and eight of clubs, South discarded two hearts, thus making a heart finesse unnecessary.

Note that if the clubs had failed to split favourably, South could have regained the lead by ruffing dummy's fourth club; and then he could take the heart finesse. Trying for the clubs therefore couldn't lose anything, and actually made the difference between making and losing the contract.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner, and, with both sides vulnerable, you held.

|         |  |             |  |
|---------|--|-------------|--|
| ♠ Q J 6 |  | ♥ K J 7 3 2 |  |
| ♦ A Q 9 |  | ♣ 7 4       |  |

The bidding:  
Jacoby: Schenken: Mator: You  
1♠ 1♣ Dbl. Pass 2♥  
Pass 2♠ Pass (?)

ANSWER: Bid two hearts. Your partner has a strong hand and you have a good suit and better than average strength. The jump bid is necessary to show your strength.  
Score 100% for two hearts, 40% for one heart.

### Question No. 794

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

|         |           |        |          |
|---------|-----------|--------|----------|
| Jacoby: | Schenken: | Mator: | You:     |
| 1♠      | 1♣        | Dbl.   | Pass     |
| Pass    | 2♠        | Pass   | 2♥       |
|         |           |        | Pass (?) |

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)  
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# THREE SPITFIRES BAG FIVE GERMANS

Three Spitfires on patrol recently shot down five Me. 109s within a few minutes. The story can now be told more fully from the pilots' reports.

The leader of two of the Spitfires, who were patrolling together, says: "I saw three yellow-nosed Messerschmitts circling near a convoy and I warned the other patrol that there were Me's in the

vicinity. Then I told my Number 2 to follow me. I made a head-on attack on what appeared to be the leading Me, but he turned, and after a short burst I broke away.

"I then saw two more Me's flying away south. I gave chase. They both saw me coming and climbed into cloud. When they came out they flew level, thinking no doubt that they had thrown me off. I closed and gave the rear one a burst. He blew up immediately and went down into the sea. Nobody baled out.

"The first evidently saw what happened, and took violent evasive action, smoke came from him, and he levelled out. I gave him a fairly long burst, and then saw a flash above me and 26 to 30 Me's coming down at me. I dived through cloud for home and was followed for about ten miles."

In describing the exact position where his two Me. victims went down the pilot adds "All the Me's had yellow noses and shared a common disinclination to fight."

Pilot Number 2 reports that after his leader had drawn his attention to the first three Me. 109s he attacked one and hit its radiator.

"The enemy aircraft dived away with glycol streaming from it and I fired bursts until my ammunition was exhausted, slowing the Me. up with each burst. The glycol stopped coming from him, there was a puff of black smoke and he glided gently down into the sea."

The pilot of the other flight, who had been told of the presence of the Me's, reports: "I saw two Me. 109s passing south and gave the rear one a burst. He went straight down, and I turned to look for the other. I could not see him, so I flew south and encountered two Me. 109s engaging a Spitfire. The enemy, showing no enthusiasm for a straight fight dived away south. I caught one almost at sea level and shot him into the sea."

"I then turned to attack the other, and was about to open fire when the pilot baled out. His aircraft fell into the sea close to his companion."

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Tables may be reserved at a charge of \$1.00 per person on application and payment to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. I. E. Roberts, Messrs. Thomson & Co., Hong Kong Bank Building.

Refreshments, alcoholic and non-alcoholic, will be served throughout the Concert, the proceeds of which will go almost entirely to the Fund

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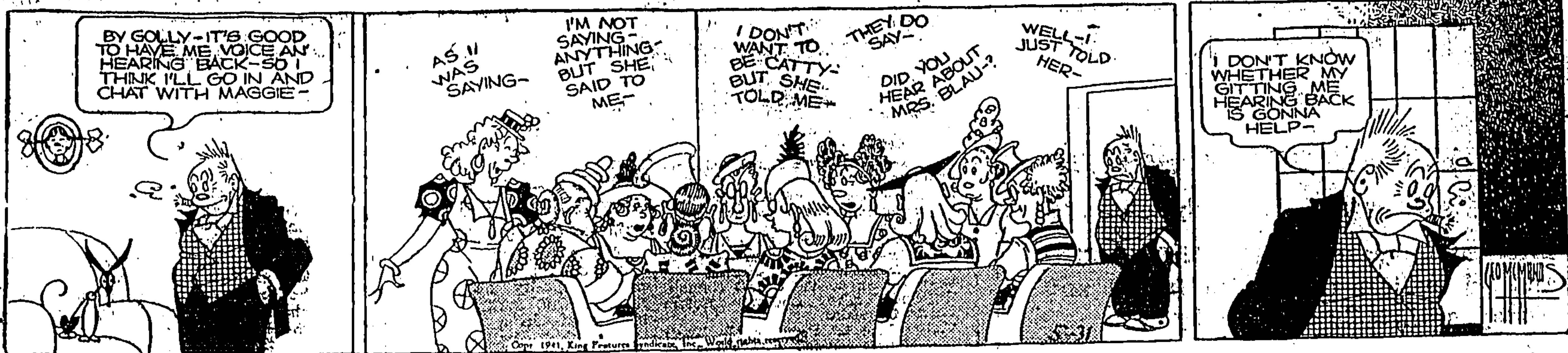
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN Unattractive Wives Lose Husbands

If a wife allows herself to grow drab and unattractive the chances are her spouse will wander off and be ensnared by a more lovely woman—in the opinion of Dr. James Madison Wood, who is president of Stephens College.

Dr. Wood has done a lot of delving into marriage statistics and he has found that the average woman doesn't take as much interest in her appearance and manners after marriage as she did before she caught her man! And that accounts for a large percentage of divorces.

Personally I hope that isn't true. In my opinion, women strive to keep young looking and attractive even against great odds. But it is true that when a woman neglects herself she loses out. She may not lose her husband but she most certainly loses friends and a great big slice of fun.

Husbands, children, and friends like to see a woman look her best. You know that is true! We all appreciate beauty, we all want to be beautiful—that is if we are blessed with normal good health. A sick woman becomes indifferent because she hasn't the energy to groom herself or plan for free hours in which she might make herself more interesting. While she is ill, she is excused by society, but once she begins to recuperate, society expects her to keep an eye on all the little details which make her more lovely.

### Natural Instinct

Some of you will not agree with me, but I am glad that men (generally speaking) like their women folk to be attractive. No matter how you may argue the question, a man's love is and should be an inspiration to woman. And it should work the other way too—a man should keep himself as attractive as possible in order to be an inspiration to his family.

If you look around you and pick out an attractive family—where the husband and wife and children are all conscious of good grooming and good manners—you usually find a happy family. Their instincts are normal—they want to look their best, act their best, enjoy themselves. In fact they want to be numbered among the top citizens which is a healthy



Keeping attractive though married is insurance for happiness and harmony. A box of well-chosen make-up is a friend to the matron.

ambition and one not to be discouraged.

I've seen very disappointed women snap out of their lethargy and beautify themselves and by so doing recapture a lot of love and joy they thought they had lost forever. I've seen ill women helped back to health by patient nurses (either professional or

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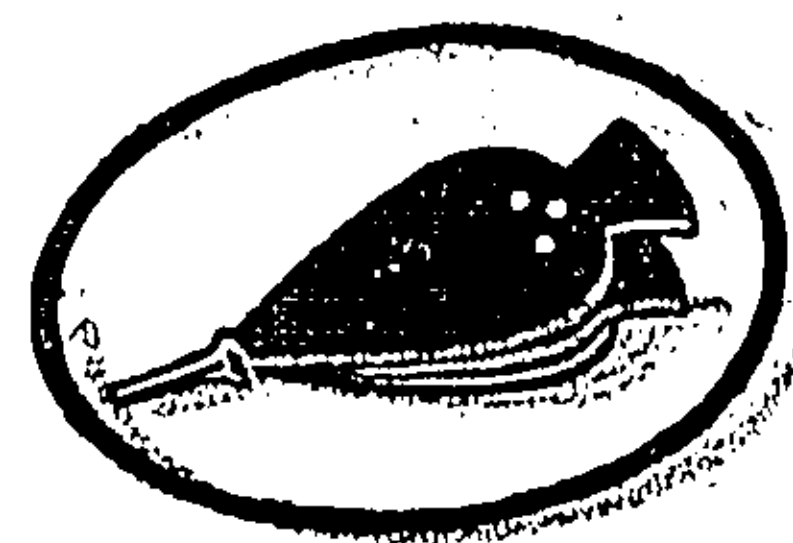
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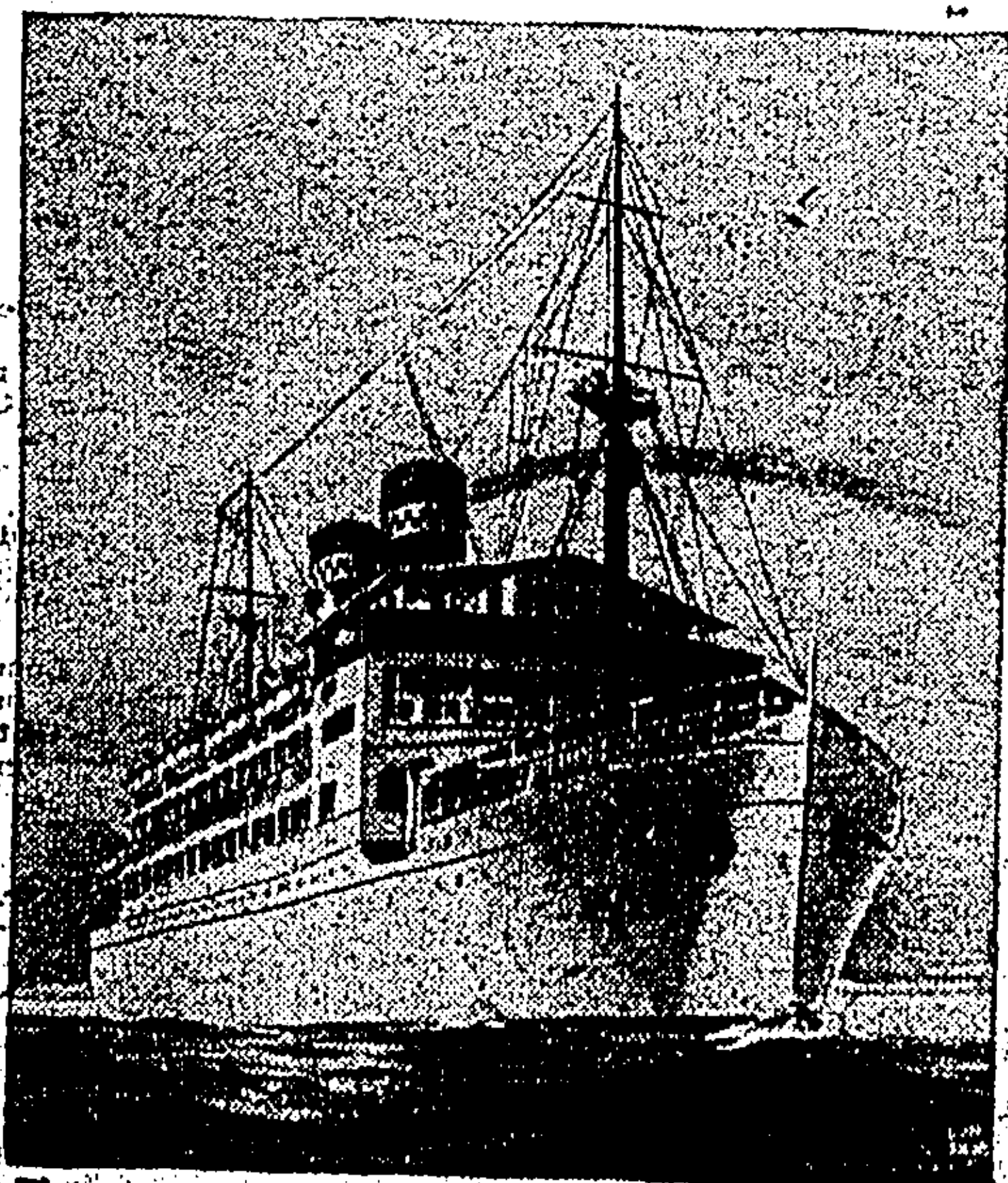
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12.30 p.m.—Short Service of Interces-

sion.

12.30 p.m.—Mozart—Concerto in F

Major.

1st Mov: Allegro; 2nd Mov: Allegret-

to; 3rd Mov: Allegro assai. . . . . Arthur

Schnabel (Piano) and The London

Symphony Orchestra cond. by Dr.

Sargent.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Pro-

gramme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Variety with Murgatroyd &amp;

Winterbottom, The Andrews Sisters

and Others.

Comedians—We Must Stick Together

(Butler—Wallace) . . . . . Murgatroyd &amp;

Winterbottom, with Orchestra.

Vocal—Down by the O-Hio (O'Han-

Yellen) . . . . . The Andrews Sisters

with Orchestra.

Violin—Song Of Paradise (R. King)

. . . . . Albert Sandier with Piano &amp;

Organ.

Vocal—Love Is Where You Find It

(Warren, Dublin, Mercer): One—

Two—Three O'Leary (Herman,

Bishop) . . . . . The Andrews Sisters

with Orchestra.

Piano-Accordeon—Accordeon Parade

Medley . . . . . The Piano-Accordeon

Virtuosi.

Comedians—In The Quartermaster's

Stores (Box, Cox, Reed): We're All

Together Now (from "Gulliver's

Travels") (Robin—Ranger) . . . . . Mur-

gatroyd &amp; Winterbottom with Orch.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press

and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Alec Templeton at the Piano.

Man With New Radio (Musical Car-

icature—Alec Templeton); Star Dust

(Paris—Carmichael); Mendelssohn

Moss "Em Down (Templeton).

1.55 p.m.—Joe Reichman and His

Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—The Wise Old Owl (Joe

Ricardell); Toy Piano Minuet

(Messner—Kulthau); I'm Always

Chasing Rainbows (from film "Zieg-

feld Girl")—McCarthy, Carroll);

Keep An Eye On Your Heart (Leeds

—Manners); Variations in G

(Reichman); It's Sad, But True

(Stoner—Block—Green).

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-

tions.

6.47 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Love Lies; When The

Swallows Come Back To Capistrano

. . . . . The New Mayfair Dance Orch.

Swing Fox-Trots—The Hour Of Part-

ing; Coconut Grove . . . . . Benny

Goodman and his Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—Whatever Happened To

You; Rumba—The Rumba-Cardi

. . . . . Xavier Cugat &amp; his Waldorf-

Astoria Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—When Buddha Smiles;

Rock Island Flag Stop . . . . . The Casa

Loma Orchestra.

Waltz—I'll Be Waiting For You; Fox-

Trot—Shake Down The Stars . . . . .

Oscar Rabin &amp; his Band.

7.20 p.m.—Songs from the Films.

"Moon Over Burma"—Moon Over

Burma . . . . . Dorothy Lamour with

Orchestra.

Film Hit Medley—Intro: Isn't This A

Lovely Day ("Top Hat"); Why

Stars Come Out At Night ("Big

Broadcast of 1936"); Cheek To

Cheek ("Top Hat"); Without A

Word of Warning ("Two For Ton-

night"); I Wished On The Moon

("Big Broadcast"); You Are My

Lucky Star ("Broadway Melody of

1936") . . . . . Sidney Torch (Organ

Solo).

"Robber Symphony"—Serenata

(Friedrich Fehrl); Romance . . . . .

Webster Booth (Tenor) with Orch.

"Broadway Melody of 1936"—Selec-

tion; "The Singing Marine"—Selec-

tion . . . . . Reginald Foort (Organ

Solo).

"Nice Girl"—Old Folks At Home . . . . .

Deanna Durbin with Orchestra.

7.45 p.m.—Accordeon Solos by George

Scott-Wood.

Ahl Sweet Mystery Of Life (Herbert).

Song Of Songs (Moya).

Speak To Me Of Love (Lemoir).

Stars Over Devon (Flynn &amp; Egan).

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Com-

mentary.

8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening

Post". Examination of Points in

Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Studio—Recital by Leonard

Jordan (Baritone) accompanied by E.

O'Neill Shaw at the Piano.

1. (a) Trees (Rasbach); (b) Because

(d'Hardelot); (c) Friend o' Mine

(Sanderson).

2. (a) The Deathless Army (Trotter);

(b) Rose of England (Novello).

8.50 p.m.—Light Orchestral Interlude.

Stephanie—Gavotte (Czibulka); The

Way To The Heart—Gavotte (Paul

Lincke) . . . . . Willy Steiner &amp; his Salon

Orchestra.

Liebesfreud (Love's Joy—Kreister)

. . . . . Vienna Bohème Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and An-

nouncements.

9.02 p.m.—Studio—"To-night We Pre-

sent". A Review of new records.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on

Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Concert Waltzes and Tangos.

Waltzes—Love Is My Life (Strauss);

Romantique (Lanner—arr. Walter)

. . . . . Orchestro Raymondo.

Tangos—Dreams In Spring (Julio

Blanco); The Tango Of My Heart

(Schmidseider) . . . . . Robert Renard

Dance Orchestra.

Waltz Tunes—Ball Sirens (from

"Merry Widow"—Lehar) . . . . . Orches-

tra Mascotte.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News &amp;

News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—Arthur Rubinstein at the

Piano.

Consolation No. 3 (Liszt).

Hungarian Rhapsody No. 10 (Liszt).

Prelude in C Sharp Minor, Op. 2 No.

2 (Rachmaninoff).

Minuet and Trio (Schubert).

10.35 p.m.—The Don Cossacks Choir in

a Programme of Russian Music.

Russian Potpourri—Intro: "The Nigh-

tingale" (Michailowsky) . . . . . Russian

Balalaika Orchestra.

Monotonously Rings The Little Bell

(Folk Song—Jaroff) . . . . . The Don

Cossacks Choir.

Caucasia (Ippolitoff Iwanoff) . . . . . Rus-

## CZECHS BOMB HAMBURG

During a recent attack on Hamburg a bomber manned entirely by Czechoslovaks was holed in more than a 100 places by anti-aircraft fire.

Within five miles of the town a searchlight picked up the aircraft, and by the time it had reached the target area it was transfixed in a cone of thirty searchlights. Shell began to burst all round the bomber and a few small splinters hit the starboard wing and the starboard side of the fuselage.

The damage was not serious and the Czechoslovak crew kept on their way through an ever increasing barrage. The captain kept a steady course, and made the bombing run without taking any evasive action which might have prevented the observer from

taking accurate aim. The aircraft was hit twice.

One of the crew said, "It felt as though we had been struck by a great hammer."

The captain heard the sound of breaking glass, and felt a pain in his side. Though almost fainting he kept at the controls, and managed to keep the aircraft steady, to open the bomb doors, and to follow the changes of course, given him by the bomb-aimer.

As the aircraft continued on the bombing run it was hit again and again. Two shell fragments went through the pilot's cockpit without hurting anyone, and another fragment destroyed the wireless equipment, but the captain still held on his course till the bombs had gone. Then he took violent evasive action and shook off the pursuing searchlights.

When he had got well away from Hamburg the captain handed over the controls to the second pilot, and the navigator and the wireless operator helped him to the bunk in the middle of the aircraft. The controls were working sluggishly as the hydraulic system had been put out of action.

Without the hydraulic system it was impossible to lower the under-carriage, and the second pilot who was making his first operational flight, had to make a belly landing when he reached his base. There were ninety-three holes in the wings and the fuselage and many more on the bottom of the fuselage.

The captain is now back with his squadron; his injury was not serious.

## PUBLICITY FOR R.A.F.

London newspapers are at odds with the Air Ministry on the question whether the names of R.A.F. aces should be published.

The Air Ministry's policy is not to mention names, on the ground that it is detrimental to discipline. The newspapers contend that the experience of the last war showed that the mention of the deeds of air heroes is a valuable influence in the Air Force generally, because it sets a standard for pilots to live up to.

Aeronautical correspondents are pressing a campaign for the release of names of aces and are quoting names and deeds whenever it is possible to obtain information.

A case in point is the published record of the deeds of Squadron Leader J. H. Mungo Park, 22, a noted ace, who shot down 20 enemy planes and is now missing. The Aeronautical Correspondent of the "Daily Mail" is using this as a theme, and strongly urges a change of Air Ministry policy.

He says: "Much publicised deeds of men like Bishop, Brown, Ball, Mannoek, and West of the last war, did almost as much to put the R.A.F. on the top as actual performance against the enemy. Our boys were given something to live up to. I maintain that from the Dominions alone, where overseas service is voluntary, Britain would get 50,000 more airmen a year if the deeds of fighter and bomber pilots were publicised."

The correspondent satirically concludes: "The R.A.F. is the world's greatest air force. The pilots of our bombers are the world's best, but that is not official."

## ACRES NO LONGER IDLE

One fighter station near London expects soon to be almost self-supporting so far as green vegetables and salads are concerned.

Ten acres of "waste" land are already under cultivation. Another three or four acres will later be given over to winter vegetables.

The ten acres are scattered around the Station in small plots. Some are close to the huts where Spitfire and Hurricane pilots await the call to take off.

Much of the seed has come from the United States under the American "Bundles for Britain" scheme. Some 2,500 tomato plants, 5,000 cabbage plants, 2,000 Brussel sprouts, carrots by the tons of thousands and 30,000 lettuce, have already gone into the ground.

There are two acres of peas, two acres of beans, 1½ acres of potatoes and half an acre of onions.

All the labour has been done off duty by airmen volunteers. For six days of the week, fifty men—a different batch each evening—have spent 1½ hours with spades, forks and hoes. Half a dozen professional gardeners among the airmen see that nothing goes wrong.

The "live wire" of the enterprise is a pilot who was managing director of a firm of industrial chemical manufacturers before the war.

"The men are keen as mustard now," he says. "Gardening is a pleasant change after a day's duty on the camp."

"I have studied the hydroponic (soil-less) system of gardening, and by winter we shall have 24 concrete tanks, each measuring six feet by two feet and five inches deep, producing winter salads and vegetables."

"We hope to produce our own eggs, too. We want to get about 2,000 head of poultry for next winter and feed them on mashies made from waste food."

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Song Of The Volga Boatmen (Folk Song) . . . . . The Don Cossacks Choir.  
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Serebroff's Russian Orchestra.  
Don Kosaken-Lied (Cossack Song) (Folk Song—arr. Jaroff) . . . . . Don Cossack Choir cond. by Serge Jaroff.

11.00 p.m.—London Relay—"War Cor-

respondents".

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

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## U.S. ANGER AT RAID DAMAGE

A new wave of horror—and determination—swept the United States as news of the latest bomb damage in London was received.

The New York Press printed all available details, together with eye-witness accounts of the raid. Some of the pictures in the newspapers covered a whole page. Most of the papers printed aerial views of the Houses of Parliament and of Westminster Abbey.

Later editions of the evening papers, however, shifted emphasis from the bombing of London and used large headlines telling London's story of the bombing of German military objectives.

Dewitt Mackenzie, the Associated Press foreign affairs commentator, put forward a significant interpretation of the events of the week-end.

"Apart from ravaging Westminster Abbey, priceless heritage of the English-speaking family, the record Nazi bombing of London developed two highly important but rather oddly assorted facts," he wrote. "The first is that 33 enemy planes were destroyed, and the second that the morale of the capital appears to be unimpaired."

"The big bag of German craft represents a killing of about 10 per cent of the total number of machines employed, which is estimated at between 300 and 400. And this is not the first time the British have achieved such a percentage of destruction recently."

"Observers have been waiting for this figure of 10 per cent to crop up, because the British air authorities have held that when it was reached they would have made night raiding unprofitable for the Nazis."

## HAD POLISHED TOE NAILS

Hess was immaculately groomed before his identity had been proved beyond doubt it was obvious that he was no ordinary prisoner. Even his toe-nails were beautifully polished.

Mrs. McLean, wife of David McLean, the Renfrewshire ploughman who found Hess said:—

"We knew when he came into the cottage and spoke to us that he was a man of some standing and accustomed to command."

"When he smiled he showed he had several gold teeth. On one wrist he had a gold watch, on the other a gold compass. His clothing showing below his flying kit was of good quality and his boots were lovely."



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## FIGHTS AT NEARLY 500 M.P.H.

The speed at which pilots of Fighter Command engage and destroy the enemy is every day increasing. The shooting down of three Me. 109s in recent combat is thus described:—

A sergeant pilot: "I dived on the Me. at full throttle and overtook at something like 470 m.p.h. At this speed I opened fire with cannon and machine-guns and blew the starboard wing off the enemy machine."

Another pilot: "Black smoke poured from the enemy plane which continued to dive. I was then doing about 450 m.p.h. and had to pull out of my dive." The pilot of a Blenheim bomber saw the Me. crash in flames.

A Canadian pilot: "The German machine half rolled into a steep dive and I got within 30 to 100 yards. I clocked over 450 m.p.h. at which speed we passed over Dover in a steady dive." This Messerschmitt also was shot to the ground.

## RAID-TOUGHENED CIVILIANS

No Mental Illness

Experts on mental conditions have discovered that, although raids have sometimes been the cause of renewed illness on the part of people previously unstable, no mental illness has been the product of air attack only.

This fact is mentioned by Dr. David Robertson, superintendent of Bootham Park Mental Institution, York. War-time conditions, he notes, have actually led the weak to cease to lean on the robust, and many cases are now convalescing.

Evidence has established a perceptible stiffening of those tough emotional forces which can strengthen only in the face of common peril, and which have now gained stability.

The Nazis hope that British civilians could be intimidated by bombs must have been based, adds Dr. Robertson in a satirical comment on "a flaky and murky process of examination."

## W.A.A.F. UNDER FIRE

When an R.A.F. aerodrome was recently attacked by enemy raiders, members of the W.A.A.F. ran from their bedrooms in their pyjamas to put out incendiary bombs. Windows in their quarters were smashed, and many of the girls were jolted out of their beds. Their newly built mess, adjoining the sleeping quarters, was hit by a high-explosive bomb, but no body was injured.

Although an enemy raider was still overhead and had machine-gunned some of the aerodrome buildings, the W.A.A.F. girls paid no attention to the threat of a renewed attack, but hastened to stifle the incendiaries with sand-bags. The Station's fire-fighting squads were quickly on the scene, but there was little for them to do. "Not one of the girls faltered," said one of the Station's officers, "they behaved magnificently."

When they had put out the incendiaries, the girls had cups of tea, and returned to their rooms to clear up the litter of glass and rubble. Before beginning their normal duties next morning they helped to clear the earth and debris from the bath in front of their quarters.

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## THREE-DAY MEETING

Kwangtung Provincial Relief Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Lau King-ting, have arranged an elaborate swimming gala at Chung Shing Bathing shed for Saturday, Sunday and Monday to raise funds for the relief of wounded soldiers and refugees in Kwangtung.

Prominent swimmers have been invited to participate, among whom are Wong Chi-hung (Sing Tao), Miss Vivienne Churn (V.R.C.), Miss Ho Wai-king (C.B.C.), A. K. Rumjahn (V.R.C.), Fung Wai-cheong (Y.M.C.A. Swimming Union), Lionel Roza-Pereira (V.R.C.), Ng Nin (Sing Tao), Eddie da Roza (V.R.C.), Tsui Hang (Eastern), Miss Li Po-luen (South China), and Wong King-wun and Koo Kai-kui (C.B.C.).

A fire dragon display will also be a feature of the gala.

# K.C.C. PAIR RALLY LATE AT RECREIO

Two games in the Third Round of the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship were played yesterday at Club de Recreio when L. J. Silva and J. F. V. Ribeiro defeated their clubmates, C. E. Marques and J. E. Noronha by three shots, both pairs registering a five.

A. E. P. Guest and T. A. Madar rallied well at the last five ends to beat A. Eastman and W. Simpson by four shots.

At Club de Recreio, L. J. Silva and J. F. V. Ribeiro beat C. E. Marques and J. E. Noronha by 21-18 in Third Round of the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs championship.

At the 6th end Marques and Noronha led 6-4 but at the 12th Silva and Ribeiro had taken the lead at 11-9. Scoring was on the low side and the score was 13-11 at the 16th. Silva and Ribeiro then had 11-15 to lead 21-13 at the 20th. Marques and Noronha scored a five at the last end to lose by three shots after scoring at nine ends.

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## Strong Finish

A strong finish, when they scored nine shots at the last five ends enabled A. E. P. Guest and T. A. Madar of Kowloon Cricket Club to beat A. Eastman and W. Simpson of Kowloon Football Club at Club de Recreio in Third Round of the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship yesterday.

Starting with a four, Eastman and Simpson led 4-4 at the 7th. Guest and Madar then had 2-1-1 to lead 9-5 at the 11th. Eastman and Simpson led 15-10 at the 16th, but failed to score thereafter while the Kowloon Cricket Club pair had 11-4-2-1 to win by four shots after scoring at 12 ends.

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Hong Kong Admiralty Clerks' Association are organising a ping pong tournament for members and a large entry is expected as the two tables in the Association's club-room are always in great demand. There has been some talk about an inter-departmental competition, too, and this should prove very interesting as the Association's leading players are fairly evenly distributed between the various offices.

# PEPPER'S TEAM BUNTS TO TOP THE LEAGUE

John (Pepper) Martin, the old handy man and fireball of the St. Louis Cardinals, likes his new job as manager of the Sacramento Senators. From his results in two months, he appears cut out for the work.

The Senators are leading the Coast League by a fat margin, haven't lost a series and seem destined to breeze in for Sacramento's first pennant.

Martin has scandalised the league by a generous use of power-bunt bunting tactics.

Six times the Senators pulled

The Red Sox were waiting for the ball to ring and Cleveland's batting practice one day recently, when a newspaperman came into the dugout and wanted to know: "Who was the greater ball player, Ty Cobb or Babe Ruth?"

"Cobb by a mile," said Moe Berg, wiping perspiration from his face with a towel. "No comparison between the two. As an all around player, there never was a man who could carry Ty's glove. And he was a self-made player. When he first came up he had nothing more than speed and hustle, but he made himself the greatest offensive threat of his day."

## Good Pitcher

"Don't forget, the Babe was a pretty good pitcher before he took to the outfield," said Mike Ryba, in an attempt to uphold his end of the profession. "How many pitchers have thrown 29 consecutive scoreless innings in a World Series?"

"Ruth was a great pitcher, of course," Berg went on, "and the leading home run hitter of all time. I'm not saying he wasn't great in his own right. But as an all around ball player, day after day, I have to pick Cobb."

## Smart Player

"Judging from what I've heard, I'd say Cobb was great because of his speed," said Ted Williams, who was absorbing every word of the discussion.

"No, that's not entirely true," Berg continued. "Ty had much more than a pair of legs. He had a brain—probably the keenest baseball has seen. He'd outthink you if he thought he couldn't beat you any other way."

"For several years he had the longest ball ever hit at the Polo Grounds, and I think he was the first man to hit one over the right-field wall at the old Fenway Park."

## Invented Plays

"I'd sum up this Cobb-Ruth argument by calling Babe the greatest natural player and Ty the greatest who made himself," said Jimmy Foxx, who had just arrived on the scene.

"That's right," said Berg, nodding. "Cobb invented more plays than any other player. He was the first to pull and bunt and run. Rossman, the old Tiger first baseman, who the best bunter of his day. One afternoon Ty said to him: 'If I get on, bunt the first and I'll go around to third.' They worked it many times."

"I'll tell you something I saw Cobb do when he was 40 years old and supposed to be all through," said Berg. "He was on third base when Harry Heilmann hit one down that way. The third baseman took the ball, turned and saw Ty standing nonchalantly a couple of inches from the bag, and fired it to first to catch Heilmann. Meanwhile, Cobb tore for the plate and scored standing up."

Lou Clay, junior from Milton, Mass., has been selected captain of the 1942 Harvard baseball team.



H. Owen Hughes, H.K.C.C. and Interport cricket captain, at present on holiday in Australia, will be back in time for the start of the cricket season.

# M.T.B. WATER-POLO

Whites beat Blues at Y.M.C.A. yesterday in the M.T.B. flotilla inter-boat water-polo league by one goal to nil after a goalless first half.

Play was mostly in favour of Whites in the first half and only the good play of Spirit, in Blues' goal, prevented a score.

In the second half Blues improved considerably and play was more even. Barker, who played in the pivotal position for Whites in the first period then moved up to centre-forward and before the end scored the winning goal.

WHITES: Rutter, Barker, Arnold, Sub/Lieut. Gee, Lieut. Ashby, Prest and Stillmore.

BLUES: Lieut. Collingwood, Sub/Lieut. Legge, Spirit, Stinell, Lilley, Burrows and Clarke.

# SIGNALS AQUATIC SPORTS

Some keen swimming was seen at Army Swimming Pool, Victoria Barracks, yesterday, when Royal Signals held their annual swimming sports before a large crowd.

At the conclusion of the sports, Lieut. Colonel E. Levett distributed the prizes.

Following were the results:—  
Two lengths Freestyle:—1. Sig. Bennett; 2. Sig. Allen; 3. Sig. Hunt. Time: 41 secs.

One length Novices Freestyle Handicap:—1. Sig. Hunt; 2. Sig. Hodson; 3. Cpl. Copsey. Time: 30.2/5 secs.

Long Plunge:—1. Sig. Latter; 2. Sig. Bevan. Distance: 48 ft. 7 1/2 in.

Out of the Hat Relay Race:—1. L/Cpl. Thorley and Sig. Bevan; 2. Sig. McCann and Sig. Latter; 3. Sig. Ferrie and L/Cpl. Rutherford.

Two lengths Breaststroke:—1. Cpl. Bedford; 2. Sig. Ferrie. Time: 54.4/5 secs.

Old Soldiers Race:—1. Major L. Hayes; 2. Sgt. Green; 3. Sgt. Ient. Time: 28.3/5 secs.

Two lengths Backstroke:—1. Sig. Bennett; 2. L/Cpl. Dignan; 3. Sig. McCann. Time: 55.1/5 secs.

Inter-Section Relay Race:—1. W/T Section (Cpl. Bedford, L/Cpl. Price, Sig. Bennett, Sig. Allen, Sig. Hunt and Sig. Carroll); 2. The Rest (L/Cpl. Dignan, L/Cpl. Morgan, L/Cpl. Thorley, Sig. Hodges, Sig. McCann and Sig. Biggs). Time: 1 min. 53.4/5 secs.

Diving:—1. L/Cpl. Dignan; 2. Sig. McCann; 3. Cpl. Bedford.

## Water-Polo

In an inter-section water-polo match, W/T Section drew with a team drawn from the Rest, each scoring once. Pitches and Dignan being the marksmen. Teams were:—

W/T Section:—Cpl. Bedford, Cpl. Newham, Sig. Bennett, Sig. Hunt, Sig. Carroll, Sig. Allen and Sig. Pitches. The Rest:—Cpl. Truscott, Cpl. Threlly, Sig. Rutherford, Cpl. Morgan, Sig. McCann, Sig. Dignan and Sig. Hodges.

In an exhibition water-polo game Royal Signals drew with Signals; leaders in the European Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo Tournament, each side scoring four times. Hunter (2), Millar and Laws scored for Royals and Allen (2), Dignan and McCann for Signals.

The monthly meeting of the Council of Hong Kong Football Association will be held this afternoon in the Association's offices at 6.30 p.m.

Now that he's planning guestless Sundays, what does United States Secretary Ickes propose to do with Lippy Leo Durocher and the Brooklyn Dodgers? The answer is simple: "He'll send them to the front lines to fight the enemy every week-end."

# WAR TIME DUTIES WILL AGAIN GREATLY AFFECT ORGANISED CRICKET

By "Incog."

ALTHOUGH THE DIFFERENT CLUBS, AND PARTICULARLY THE PLAYERS THEMSELVES, ARE KEEN ENOUGH ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE CRICKET LEAGUE DURING THE 1941-42 SEASON, INDICATIONS ARE THAT IT WILL, PERHAPS, BE A LEAN SEASON AS VOLUNTEER, POLICE RESERVE AND OTHER DUTIES ARE LIKELY TO CLAIM EVEN MORE TIME THAN THEY DID IN THIS PERIOD LAST YEAR.

One club very badly affected is Craigen-gower Cricket Club. Prospects there at the moment are so poor that, unless they can unearth some new talent, the chances are that they will run only one team in the League this time.

Not that there is a dearth of players at this club. There are a good many youngsters who promise to develop into really useful club cricketers, but, as one of Craigen-gower's own leading cricketers said, "They are not quite fitted for League cricket as yet."

And that, it is feared, is likely to be the case at most of the other clubs. Enquiries from Hong Kong Cricket Club elicited the information that, beyond the fact that H. Owen-Hughes, who is at present away in Australia on holiday, will be back in time, nothing is known regarding the Club's plans for the cricket season. It is doubtful whether a team will be entered if the League should function (and there is no reason to believe that it will not), but at the moment everything is very much up in the air.

## K.C.C. Unchanged

Kowloon Cricket Club will have all of last season's players to call on—if they can be spared from Volunteer duties—while W. Mulcahy, who was on leave last season, is back again, and it is rumoured that Lieut. Ansari, who played for Army last year, is contemplating application for membership to this club. If he joins he should prove an acquisition.

Frank Goodwin, who turned out for K.C.C. 2nd XI last year, is not sure whether his knee injury will stand up to the strain of weekly games, but will be playing again, whenever possible.

Like Kowloon, Club de Recreio will also find Volunteer duties a great handicap, although they will have all last year's players available as well, in addition, perhaps, to one or two youngsters who have just left La Salle and St. Joseph's.

## A. R. Abbas' Return?

Perhaps the club that is least affected is Indian Recreation Club. It is understood that, in addition to having their team of last season intact, A. R. Abbas is coming back to the fold. He was one of their more promising all-rounders until he decided to give cricket a rest a couple of seasons ago, and, although it was at one time rumoured that he had "packed up all sport," his appearance in baseball games this Summer has given cause for the belief that he will return to cricket again this Winter.

A Los Angeles promoter telegraphed Johnny Ray an offer of \$50,000 for Billy Conn to fight there if he won the heavyweight championship from Joe Louis. "If we win," replied Ray, "we're not interested in \$50,000. If we lose, we can't get it."

# MINOR H.K.C.C. CHANGES

Hong Kong Cricket Club are making only one change in their Second Division team for their League Lawn Bowls match this week against Kowloon Football Club, this being in Brown's rink, where Hospes replaces Harper at No. 2.

In Third Division Doughty, No. 3 to Abraham last week, goes to No. 2 in Cassidy's rink, his place in Abraham's rink being taken by Nissim. McKellar will have Lacon and Young as Nos. 1 and 2 respectively in place of Young and Pudney.

## H.K.F.C. Alterations

Hong Kong Football Club are making a few changes in their Second Division team for their match against Prison Officers' Club this week at Happy Valley. Robertson's rink is unchanged, and in Macfarlane's four Needham replaces J. D. Thomson at No. 3, the latter going No. 2 to Gill in place of Gratton, while Coleman will be lead in this rink instead of Pearce.

Their Third Division team have drawn a bye this week but will be playing a friendly match against Kowloon Cricket Club on their own green.

## Selected Teams

Following are the selected teams:

**HONG KONG C.C.**  
Second Division (v Kowloon F.C. away):—S. L. Lloyd, J. G. Haigh, H. G. Wallington and G. E. Costello (skip); G. G. Altrenhead, T. R. Rowell, P. J. A. Hainilton and F. Goodwin (skip); R. R. Davies, E. Hospes, R. A. Edwards and A. W. Brown (skip).

Third Division (v Kowloon B.C.C. home):—H. H. Beddow, L. E. N. Ryan, A. Nissim and E. S. Abraham (skip); H. F. Shields, E. S. Doughty, T. C. Monaghan and P. S. Cassidy (skip); B. J. Lacon, R. Young, A. S. Mitchell and A. McKellar (skip).

**HONG KONG F.C.**  
Second Division (v Prison O.C. home):—A. B. Coleman, J. D. Thomson, J. A. R. Selby and W. Gill (skip); A. Watson, J. H. Gelling, C. F. Needham and W. Macfarlane (skip); R. P. Shaw, C. B. Robertson, A. Brooksbank and K. S. Robertson (skip).

Third Division, Friendly (v Kowloon C.C. home):—T. H. Pearce, B. I. Bickford, G. E. Stephens and B. A. Mansell (skip); C. Carr, A. Gratton, K. Forrow and G. S. Grayer (skip); A. Bailey, J. Russell, S. H. Strange and J. Ralston (skip).

# SOUTH AFRICAN ARMY RUGBY TEAM ON TOUR

The Army's Sporting Ambassador is the title given by Field-Marshal Jan Smuts, Prime Minister, to the South African Army Rugby football team which is now on an eight weeks' tour of South Africa, including numerous remote districts and large towns. The main idea is to make every backveld area Army-conscious.

The team includes the cream of players in the present day Rugby Union in South Africa's national "team" and Field Marshal Smuts, skipper.

has blessed the tour in a special message to the Union's sportsmen and sportswomen.

The strength of the side, including internationals and leading provincial and club players, is likely to fire imagination as effectively as any tanks or gun going on a recruiting tour, especially as the men will explain life and work in the Army, apart from showing the Army at play.

Major Craven, director of Army physical training, is managing the tour.



## C.R.C. WELL BEATEN ON OWN COURTS

ALL MATCHES IN YESTERDAY'S THIRD DIVISION LAWN TENNIS PROGRAMME WERE PLAYED AND RESULTED IN ALL THE LEADING TEAMS WINNING COMFORTABLY. THE OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE WAS BY C. WEI AND H. CHUNG, OF CHINESE RECREATION CLUB, WHO WON THE ONLY THREE SETS OBTAINED BY THEIR CLUB AGAINST CRAIGENGOWER CRICKET CLUB.

### Army Win Easily

At Sookunpoo, Army Tennis Club beat Indian Recreation Club by 8½ sets to ½ set.  
S/Sgt. Emberson and S/Sgt. Duffield (A.T.C.)  
beat M. P. Madar and M. Hassan 6-0  
beat A. M. Rumlajn and I. Kitchell 7-5  
beat A. Rahmin and M. Hussain 6-0  
Sgt. Webb and Sgt. Denyer (A.T.C.)  
beat Madar and Hassan 6-3  
beat Rumlajn and Kitchell 6-2  
beat Rahmin and Hussain 6-0  
S/Sgt. Megson and Sgt. Murray (A.T.C.)  
beat Madar and Hassan 6-2  
drew with Rumlajn and Kitchell 6-6  
beat Rahmin and Hussain 6-1

### Points For C.C.C.

At Causeway Bay, Chinese Recreation Club (1) lost to Craigengower Cricket Club by 3 sets to 6.  
C. Wei and H. Chung (C.R.C.)  
beat W. J. Howard and K. I. Woo 6-1  
beat Y. H. Leung and S. Lee 6-4  
beat J. W. Leonard and H. K. I. 6-2  
H. N. Chau and N. C. Tang (C.R.C.)  
lost to Howard and Woo 2-6  
lost to Leung and Lee 2-6  
lost to Leonard and Lee 1-6  
K. N. Lee and K. F. Fung (C.R.C.)  
lost to Howard and Woo 1-6  
lost to Leung and Lee 2-6  
lost to Leonard and Li 0-6

### C.R.C.'s Easy Match

At Cox's Road yesterday, Chinese Recreation Club (2) beat Kowloon Cricket Club by 8 sets to 1.  
D. Hazell and R. O. Bakar (K.C.C.)  
lost to P. F. Choy and K. C. Ng 5-7  
lost to F. K. Lau and M. C. Lau 3-6  
beat L. F. Hon and C. W. Tsui 6-4  
A. Gillard and R. Kloss (K.C.C.)  
lost to Choy and Ng 4-6  
lost to Lau and Lau 3-6  
lost to Hon and Tsui 0-6  
N. Bebbington and W. Llewellyn (K.C.C.)  
lost to Choy and Ng 5-7  
lost to Lau and Lau 1-6  
lost to Hon and Tsui 4-6

### Kowloon Indians Win

Playing at home yesterday, Kowloon Tong Garden City Association lost to Kowloon Indian Tennis Club by 6½ sets to 2½.  
L. Chen and D. Chen (K.T.G.C.A.)  
lost to S. A. Hussain and Dr. M. A. Khan 5-7  
drew with S. S. Hussain and Dr. S. A. Sepher 6-6  
beat Y. J. Khan and M. Ramzan 7-5  
A. H. Baeto and S. T. Chan (K.T.G.C.A.)  
lost to Hussain and Khan 2-6  
lost to Hussain and Sepher 2-6  
beat Khan and Ramzan 6-3  
D. Kwek and E. Penn (K.T.G.C.A.)  
lost to Hussain and Khan 0-6  
lost to Hussain and Sepher 1-6  
lost to Khan and Ramzan 1-6

### Table To Date

|            | Sets | P. | W. | L. | D.  | F.  | A. | Pts. |
|------------|------|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|------|
| S.C.A.A.   | 8    | 8  | 0  | 0  | 65  | 17  | 16 |      |
| A.T.C.     | 7    | 6  | 1  | 0  | 49  | 14  | 12 |      |
| C.R.C. (2) | 8    | 6  | 2  | 0  | 61  | 21  | 12 |      |
| C.C.C.     | 6    | 5  | 1  | 0  | 32½ | 21½ | 10 |      |
| C.D.R.     | 6    | 4  | 2  | 0  | 32½ | 21½ | 8  |      |
| K.I.T.C.   | 6    | 4  | 2  | 0  | 32½ | 21½ | 8  |      |
| K.C.C.     | 7    | 2  | 5  | 0  | 17  | 46  | 4  |      |
| C.R.C. (1) | 4    | 1  | 3  | 0  | 15½ | 20½ | 2  |      |
| K.T.G.C.A. | 6    | 1  | 5  | 0  | 17  | 17  | 2  |      |
| H.K.U.T.C. | 7    | 1  | 6  | 0  | 20½ | 42½ | 2  |      |
| I.R.C.     | 8    | 0  | 8  | 0  | 13½ | 68½ | 0  |      |

### TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's programme of matches in Fourth Division of the Lawn Tennis League:  
P.O.R.C. (1) v S.C.A.A.  
C.B.A. v P.O.R.C. (2)  
I.R.C. v C.R.C.

Owing to Volunteer duties, Club de Recreio have decided not to run their annual lawn bowls tournament this year. It will be recalled that they had to cancel their competitions half-way through last season when it was found that the majority of those who had entered found it impossible to play off their ties.

Jim Ferrier, ex-Shanghai boy, former Australian champion, and a finalist in the British Amateur Championship, had a bad start in the recent American Open, but he managed a first round score of 77. In the second round he played a grand round of 71 in heavy weather, lightning, a cloud burst, and a high wind making scoring difficult. On the third day he was suffering from a heavy cold and finished with rounds of 70 and 80. This gave him an aggregate of 304 and a tie for 13th place, 20 strokes behind Craigengower's 244 in the 1st round.

## QUADRANGULAR GALA AT "Y" ON AUGUST 21

At a meeting of European Y.M.C.A. Swimming Committee yesterday, it was decided to hold an invitation quadrangular swimming contest on Thursday, August 21, at 9 p.m. when Y.M.C.A. will be hosts to Royal Scots, Middlesex and Combined Small Units including Signals.

Following is the programme:  
50 yards.  
Six-men medley team race (two backstroke, two breaststroke, two free style).  
Six-men 50 yards each relay.  
Diving—One plain, one fancy, from each board (one diver).  
Plunging (individual)—one plunge.  
Officers 50 yards relay.  
Women's 200 yards invitation relay (Victoria Recreation Club, Lai Tsun, Chinese Bathing Club, South China).  
Women's 150 yards invitation medley relay (same teams as in free-style relay).  
50 yards obstacle race.  
Water-polo (two selected teams from the four competing teams).  
Referring to a return meeting with Lai Tsun Swimming Union it was decided to reserve a date in the middle of September as Volunteer

## NATIONAL U. CRACK UP IN LAST MINUTES

Two games were played yesterday in the Open Basketball League, when South China easily beat Trojans 61-13 and Chinese Y.M.C.A. beat National University 36-29.

National University held Chinese "Y" in the first half and for the greater part of the second period until the score was 26-27, but thereafter tired and Chinese "Y" won fairly comfortably.

and Service manning, and Y.M.C.A. and Colony Championships will occupy the next four weeks.

Discussing the water-polo tournament, in which 115 games have been played and 87 are outstanding, it was decided that at the conclusion a Knockout Tournament for probably eight teams be held.

European Y.M.C.A. championships will take place this month. Entries close at 5 p.m. on August 19.

Scorers were:—  
Trojans:—H. O. Osmund (7), Poong Kwong-yin (6).  
South China:—Ng Shun-chiu (10), Chung Ling (10), Shek Chun-tat (12), Yip Chin-kee (12), Lee Tin-lee (8) and Ho Hing-sai (9).  
National University:—Chan Sun-kau (8), Chan Suk-luk (12), Yu Sul-yum (4), Ip Fai-lung (5).  
Chinese "Y":—Pun Kwok-ting (4), Chan Wah-hei (2), Mi Fik-kee (3), Wong Wal-cheung (4), Chan Kang-yu (5), Luk Tak-cheung (6) and So Pak-fai (11).

### Table To Date

|                     | P. | W. | L. | Pts. |
|---------------------|----|----|----|------|
| South China         | 3  | 3  | 0  | 6    |
| Chinese Y.M.C.A.    | 3  | 3  | 0  | 6    |
| National University | 3  | 2  | 1  | 4    |
| Wah Kiu             | 2  | 2  | 0  | 4    |
| Residents' Union    | 3  | 2  | 1  | 4    |
| Black Cats          | 2  | 1  | 1  | 2    |
| Youths              | 2  | 1  | 1  | 2    |
| Sing Tao            | 2  | 1  | 1  | 2    |
| Indian Police       | 3  | 1  | 2  | 2    |
| Yu Leung            | 3  | 1  | 2  | 2    |
| V.R.C.              | 1  | 0  | 1  | 0    |
| Bank Union          | 2  | 0  | 2  | 0    |
| Trojans             | 3  | 0  | 3  | 0    |
| Ping Ching          | 3  | 0  | 3  | 0    |

## 12TH BATTERY, R.A. HEAD TENNIS TABLE

At Sookunpoo, 12th Battery, R.A., beat 5th A.A. Regiment, R.A., by 3 points to nil in "B" Division of Army Tennis League.  
Sgt. Simpson and Bdr. Mew (5th A.A.) lost to Capt. Allison and Lieut. Matthews, 5-7, 5-7.  
Bdr. Ridgson and Bdr. Savage (5th A.A.) lost to Sgt. Freer and Gnr. Robertson, 4-6, 5-7.  
Cpl. Pike and Gnr. Martin (5th A.A.) lost to L/Bdr. Parnell and Gnr. Roche, 0-6, 0-6.  
36th Battery, R.A., received a walk-over from 24th Battery, R.A., in the same division.

### Table To Date

|                | P. | W. | L. | Pts. |
|----------------|----|----|----|------|
| 12th R.A.      | 33 | 30 | 3  | 30   |
| Royal Scots    | 33 | 29 | 4  | 29   |
| R.A.M.C. "A"   | 30 | 24 | 6  | 24   |
| R.A.M.C. "B"   | 33 | 24 | 9  | 24   |
| 36th R.A.      | 36 | 24 | 12 | 24   |
| R.A.O.C.       | 33 | 18 | 15 | 18   |
| 5th A.A., R.A. | 33 | 15 | 18 | 15   |
| R.E.           | 33 | 14 | 19 | 14   |
| Middlesex      | 27 | 12 | 15 | 12   |
| R. Signals     | 30 | 12 | 18 | 12   |
| 24th R.A.      | 36 | 12 | 24 | 12   |
| R.A.S.C.       | 27 | 6  | 21 | 6    |
| 965th R.A.     | 36 | 6  | 30 | 6    |
| R.A.P.C.       | 33 | 3  | 30 | 3    |

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### D'AGUILAR CRASH VICTIMS

L. I. Bdr. Harry William Buckingham, First Battery, Corps Artillery, H.K.V.D.C., is still in a dangerous condition, it was learned this morning.

Most of the injured men have been discharged from hospital those still detained being H. G. Lander, D. H. C. Taylor, W. N. Brown, W. P. Clemow, F. T. Henningsen and N. F. Tucker.

### MINISTER TO THAILAND RESIGNS

THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. CORDELL HULL, YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED THE RESIGNATION OF MR. HUGH G. GRANT, MINISTER TO THAILAND.

Mr. Hull said Mr. Grant's resignation was submitted some time ago but had just been accepted. It was not connected with current Pacific developments.—Reuter.

## British Control Of The Seas

**THE SAFE ARRIVAL of all convoys in the Far East during the past few months, without the loss of a single officer or airman by enemy action, was announced by the Air Ministry News Service in London yesterday.**

This is a great tribute to the vigilance and efficiency of the escorting warships and aircraft which passed on the convoys one to the other throughout the 10,000-mile journey.

The convoys carried many thousands to swell the ranks of the R.A.F. in the Far East.

The voyage from a northern port in Britain of one liner and its arrival in Singapore a few days ago with a large number of officers and men was typical of the many voyages this year by other convoys.

It was the second liner to arrive in Singapore during the last fortnight.

### Not A Smell

"We haven't had a smell of a U-boat or Condor," (German long-range monoplane), was the comment of one officer on arrival.

"Of course we had warships mothering us the whole time and in some areas of the route we were continuously protected from air attack or lurking submarines by escorting Blenheims, Hudsons or Sunderlands."

"In fact," the officer continued, "the journey was so peaceful and comfortable that we might have been travelling in

pre-war days, for although the voyage was long and rather tedious, especially in the tropics, it was a comfortable voyage and entirely without incident."

### New Aerodromes

These officers and airmen are not replacing others going home at the end of their term of duty, but are reinforcements needed to staff new aerodromes now in operation in Malaya and Burma.

Most of these men come from important bomber, fighter and coastal stations in Britain and all have first-hand experience of day and night air war. Their knowledge of active war is an immense help to those with whom they are now working.—Reuter.

## Pacific War Games

The biggest war exercise in the history of the American West Coast began at dawn yesterday when a mythical invading fleet was sighted by the Los Angeles Coastguard.

There had been two days of "war of nerves" while the attackers feinted, obviously with the intention of spreading out the defenders.

Big guns at Fort Worden opened fire but umpires ruled the fort destroyed after 16 minutes.

The imaginary fleet continued down the Sound to Seattle.

The huge McChord airfield and half the defending air force was judged destroyed.—Reuter.

## AUSTRALIA'S AIRCRAFT OUTPUT

Senator J. W. Leckie, Australian Minister of Aircraft Production stated yesterday that Australia would produce planes worth £20 millions in 1942 compared with £7 millions in 1941.

They will be of all types from trainers to modern bombers.

Mr. Leckie added that Beauforts would soon be coming off the production line at a steady rate.—Reuter.

## AMERICAN STRIKE PROBLEM

Expressing grave concern with last week's increase in strikes at plants holding Army contracts, U.S. War Department officials said yesterday 30 strikes were reported up to Tuesday, involving 23,400 men compared with 14,000 a week ago.—Reuter.

### ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced of Cyril Albert, son of the late Mr. F. A. Sills and Mrs. Sills of Twickenham, Middlesex, to Evelyn May (Robin), elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Summers of Hong Kong.

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## GERMANS BROUGHT TO HALT

*Budenny Holds Ukraine Thrust*

### CATALINA PATROL IN THE EAST

AMERICAN-BUILT CATALINA FLYINGBOATS, WHICH HAVE BEEN ARRIVING ACROSS THE PACIFIC FROM THE UNITED STATES IN A STEADY STREAM IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS, NOW "COVER THE WATERFRONT" FROM THE ARABIAN SEA TO WELL SOUTH OF THE EQUATOR AND FROM THE CHINA SEAS NEARLY TO AFRICA, SAYS THE AIR MINISTRY NEWS SERVICE.

Operating from bases in Malaya and Ceylon they have already, since their arrival in the Far East, flown on patrol a distance equal to about six times round the world. Their task is to keep a ceaseless watch for raiders and submarines, and the deterrent effect of their presence is shown by the decline in enemy activity in this theatre of war.

They are also called on to escort convoys, act as long-range bombers, undertake route patrols and anti-submarine reconnaissance.

One Catalina patrolled the Indian Ocean 18½ hours before returning to base.—Reuter.

### CLOSING LEAK IN FREEZE

The Government of India have taken steps to close a leak in the recent Japanese freezing orders to which attention had been drawn.

No goods imported from the Japanese Empire or China shall be cleared whether they are for home consumption or for shipment to a foreign port unless the Customs are satisfied that the whole carriage insurance freight value, excepting such part thereof as has been paid before July 26, has been paid into a blocked account or the owner produces an order from the Government of India permitting clearance.

The prohibition does not apply to goods imported from China by land to Burma and thence by sea or land to India.—Reuter.

### MINOR RAID

AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE LAST NIGHT STATED THAT IN THE MORNING ONE OR TWO ENEMY AIRCRAFT CROSSED THE NORTH-EAST COAST AND DROPPED BOMBS AT POINTS A SHORT DISTANCE INLAND.

No extensive damage was done but a small number of casualties have been reported.

Elsewhere there was very little enemy activity and there were no reports of any bombs having been dropped.—Reuter.

## The Clash Of The Communiques

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent)

"ON THE WAR FRONTS NOTHING IMPORTANT OCCURRED IN THE COURSE OF TUESDAY," WAS THE REPLY GIVEN BY SOVIET MILITARY QUARTERS IN MOSCOW YESTERDAY TO GERMAN CLAIMS OF A SWEEPING ADVANCE INTO THE UKRAINE.

It would be absurd for the Russians to use such a phrase if something very important had happened and the absence of new place names in yesterday's Soviet communique is a clear indication, in view of past Soviet practice, that there has been no advance by the main German forces.

This does not mean that advance German units may not have again ventured to push ahead, possibly towards Nikolaiev, the Black Sea port 70 miles north-east of Odessa, whose gigantic silos doubtless conjure up for the Germans visions of vast grain stocks.

Actually there is every reason to suppose that in accordance with Stalin's policy the Russians would move this grain inland if Nikolaiev were seriously threatened, which is not yet the case.

At all events should a strategic retreat be necessary, they can afford, after the harvest has been gathered, to abandon part of the Ukrainian farmland and may be expected to take up strong positions inside the bend of the Dnieper, which, from the industrial viewpoint, it would be very important to preserve.—Reuter.

#### Definitely Checked

International News quotes a Moscow communique announcing the annihilation of the crack Nazi 68th Division and indicating that the massive German drive on Odessa has been definitely checked.

The Soviet bulletin claimed the sinking of Nazi troopships and four torpedo-boats in the Battle by warships and planes. Hitler's headquarters bombastically claim that "the Ukrainian bread-basket is practically in German hands and serious Soviet resistance or counter-attacks are not feared."

The Germans also claim advances on the Leningrad and Smolensk fronts.—International News Service.

### IMPERIAL STRATEGY

It is essential for Australia to have permanent representation in the London Cabinet because her future, as never before, depends on Imperial policy and strategy, said Sir Earle Page, Minister of Commerce, in a statement in Sydney yesterday.

The disposition of the Empire's forces is of supreme importance to her security, he added.

Her voice in London must be authoritative but at the same time the Government must be carried on in Australia.

Proposals which the Premier, Mr. Menzies, was submitting to Parliament would remove doubts on that score. Mr. Menzies was the best man to represent Australia.

Much depended on Australia showing a bold and united front when Parliament meets.

The psychological effect of a demonstration of national solidarity would be immense, he concluded.—Reuter.

### ITALIAN CHEMICAL WORKS DESTROYED

The R.A.F. bombed the chemical works at Crotonne, southern Italy, on Monday, leaving the whole objective a mass of flames, says Reuter from London.

### MR. ATTLEE TO MAKE IMPORTANT BROADCAST

Mr. C. R. Attlee, Lord Privy Seal and Deputy Prime Minister, will broadcast through all stations of the B.B.C. an important announcement on behalf of the Government at 2 p.m. (G.M.T.) to-day (Thursday), says Reuter from London.

### DUFF-COOPER RETICENT

Mr. A. Duff-Cooper, who is on his way to the Far East for the War Cabinet, yesterday conferred in Washington with Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State.

Later, in an interview, Mr. Duff-Cooper said Britain was eager to collaborate with the United States on parallel lines throughout the world.

ONLY COMMENT HE WOULD MAKE ON THE FAR EAST TENSION WAS THAT THE BRITISH FELT JAPAN COULD NOT BE ALLOWED ENTIRELY TO HAVE HER OWN WAY IN THE PACIFIC.

Mr. Duff-Cooper had earlier attended a ceremony at which representatives of the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand formally exchanged ratification of treaties designed for the advancement of peace. The treaties replace the Treaty with the British Empire of 1914. They provide separate commissions for the settlement of disputes, instead of one commission of United States and Britain.

Though negotiated last year the treaties had not previously been formally ratified.—Reuter.

### THOUSAND PLANES IN RAID

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was stated in London yesterday that 1,000 British planes took part in Tuesday's R.A.F. raids on Germany and France, in the course of which Cologne was raided by day.

The largest number of bombers ever used, including American Flying Fortresses, were hurled into action.

Messerschmitt interceptors were unable to reach the stratosphere Flying Fortresses.—International News Service.



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# Darlan Dictatorship Hands Vichy France Over To Axis

## PETAIN BETRAYS THE MOTIVE

THE FOLLOWING official comment was made in London yesterday on Marshal Petain's broadcast, in which the French leader announced dictatorial powers for Admiral Darlan.

"Marshal Petain's speech betrays in unmistakable terms the utmost anxiety on the part of the Vichy Government in regard to the internal conditions of France.

"The long and abject record of dishonour and surrender of this Government has, beyond any doubt, reduced its prestige and popularity with the French people to vanishing point and has brought about a state of affairs in which the people are turning with growing hope towards Britain and the Allied victory.

"The Government has accordingly taken to itself the widest dictatorial powers and has placed those powers in the hands of Darlan who will thus be placed in the strongest possible position to force upon the French people those measures of further surrender and further collaboration with the Axis which he has in mind and which it would otherwise be impossible for him to foist upon his compatriots.

### Alliance With Axis

"The form of government envisaged for France in Marshal Petain's speech is not only designed for the purpose of subjugating and silencing the French people and enforcing upon them a policy which they detest.

"IT IS ALSO DESIGNED WITH THE VIEW OF IMITATING THOSE FORMS OF GOVERNMENT WHICH ALREADY OBTAIN IN GERMANY AND ITALY, THEREBY UNDERLINING THE DETERMINATION OF THE VICHY GOVERNMENT TO ALLY ITSELF MORE CLOSELY THAN EVER WITH THE AXIS.

"The fate of such a form of government, lacking any measure of spontaneous popular support in the country upon which it is imposed, is not likely to be a happy one."—Reuter.

## SHIPPING BLACK-LIST

THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC WARFARE GIVE NOTICE THAT "ANY VESSEL CARRYING GOODS DESTINED FOR EUROPE FOR TRANSHIPMENT ONTO ENEMY SHIPS IN SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS WILL BE LIABLE TO BE PLACED ON THE SHIPS STATUTORY LIST."

This order is complementary to the order of June 16 which provided that ships taking cargoes off enemy ships for transshipment to South American ports were liable to be placed on the statutory list.

Placing of a ship on this list means that it is regarded as an enemy ship with which no British trader may have any dealings and that it is liable to seizure as a prize. — British Wireless.

### LORD WILLINGDON'S FUNERAL

Lord Willingdon's funeral will be held privately to-morrow when the body will be cremated. A memorial service will be held probably in Westminster Abbey next week. — Reuter.

## German Fear Of France

German fear of propaganda in France is shown by the manner in which the Vichy correspondent of the official German news agency refers to the decisions announced in the Petain broadcast.

Referring to the establishment of a new General Secretariat for information and propaganda, the correspondent says: "This is regarded in well-informed circles as instrumental for putting an end to every form of private propaganda activity."

"All further information services in the country will be directed by the Government. The dissolution of organisations which have hitherto carried on private propaganda activity by circulating leaflets and other material, is part of the action taken by the Government to suppress such propaganda centres."—Reuter.

## FORTIFIED COAST

By A. London Correspondent

A year after Dunkirk, while the Russo-German clash holds world-wide attention, Britain is still fortifying her already steel-girt coastline with new guns and thicker steel barricades above tide level.

More and more concrete blocks are being set above the beaches, and barbed-wire entanglements are being added to Britain's mighty armed wall, which appears to be impossible for any invader to break by landing from the sea.

Last week I lived for four days with the batteries along the coast of East Anglia, where Britain's forces, when forced out of Europe, built up bastions against Germany.

Defences were placed in hurriedly under pressure of the crisis, and ammunition for guns, which was then so lamentably short, was rationed out.

At the batteries, I saw the magazines fully stocked, the guns in better positions, and the shore defences perfected, while well-trained soldiers tend the batteries and keep up ceaseless watch across "No-Man's Water."

The gun-houses contain a declaration that "this battery will never retire."

Several gunners told me: "We will fight to the death, firing our guns until the ammunition has gone, and then we'll go on fighting with bayonets and fists."

## GUNNER SCORES IN FIRST COMBAT

WHEN A HEINKEL 111 WAS DESTROYED ONE NIGHT RECENTLY A DEFIANT AIR GUNNER, WHO WAS WITH HIS SQUADRON, HAD HIS FIRST EXPERIENCE OF A NIGHT COMBAT.

"We picked up the enemy at about ten o'clock", said the gunner. "The Squadron Leader manoeuvred the aircraft into a perfect position, and I gave Jerry a burst. I caught him amidsthips, probably killing his gunner. Whether it damaged the bomber I don't know, but it certainly tickled his pants."

"The Heinkel then levelled out and flew away, but we very soon picked him up again and I let him have another burst. This must have set him on fire almost at once, for he went down like a meteor, turning the clouds a bright red."

"Not once did we experience any return fire."

## MATSUOKA TO BE ENVOY IN INDO-CHINA

Mr. Matsuoka has been appointed Japan's new envoy to French-Indo-China, according to an unconfirmed Rome Radio report received in London last night.

Mr. Matsuoka until recently was the Japanese Foreign Minister.—Reuter.

## SIR HUGHE GIVES A PARTY

Sir Hughe Knatchbull-Hugessen, British Ambassador to Turkey, entertained Dr. Sarajoglu, Turkish Foreign Minister, and four other Cabinet Ministers last night, according to a Reuter message from Ankara.

## GERMAN RAILWAYS STRAINED

REPORTS REACHING CZECHOSLOVAK CIRCLES IN LONDON ESTIMATE THE TRANSPORT DIFFICULTIES WHICH ARE FACING GERMANY ARE SERIOUSLY AFFECTING THE ECONOMIC ADVANTAGES WHICH SHE HOPED TO DERIVE FROM THE CONQUEST OF THE BALKANS.

There are many signs that goods traffic on German railways in general has been gravely disorganised by the strain put on them by the Eastern campaign and by bombings.

Transport of goods from Veschno to Dresden—a distance of 250 miles—now takes a month as against two days before the war.

At present the Nazis do not dare to send goods from the south-east via Bohemia for fear of sabotage there, and all traffic is diverted, thus slowing it down even more.

For goods sent to Germany from Bohemia and the Balkans, railway trucks of the respective despatching countries only may be used, the German railways having no trucks to spare.—British Wireless.

## SEEING THE JOB THROUGH

The New Zealand Prime Minister visited a fighter squadron of the Royal New Zealand Air Force yesterday.

He suggested that some of the men, who have been flying almost daily and who have won great distinction, should return to New Zealand to increase the morale of young men being trained for the New Zealand Air Force.

A Flight-Lieut. replied to this suggestion: "All the chaps here want to see this job through."

The squadron includes a man who has been shot down eight times, who has won the D.F.C. and has destroyed about 20 enemy planes. — British Wireless.

## AIR GUNNERS SWIM ASHORE

THE STORY OF THE TWO AIR GUNNERS WHO STUCK TO THEIR SUNDERLAND, THOUGH SHE WAS ON FIRE AND SINKING FAST, IS ALREADY AMONG THE ANNALS OF THE GALLANT DEEDS PERFORMED IN THE LAST DAYS OF THE BATTLE OF GREECE. BUT HOW THE AIR GUNNERS MADE THEIR ESCAPE HAS NOT HITHERTO BEEN TOLD.

Both had on their "Mae Wests"—the R.A.F. life-saving jacket. One could not swim.

"Jump in and I'll tow you to the shore" the swimmer told his colleague. Finally, the non-swimmer jumped and lay face down on the surface of the water.

His companion raced to the rescue, turned him on his back and dragged him ashore. He asked him why he hadn't lifted his head above the water.

"Well," replied the other, "I thought I was on the bottom, and I was waiting to come up."

## WAR EFFORT OF DUTCH OVERSEAS

Free Dutch people living in more than 40 countries have been contributing an average of one million guilders (£130,000) per month during the past year to the General War Weapons Fund.

Prince Bernhard, giving this news in a broadcast on Radio Orange from England, added that the money of the Fund had so far provided 32 bombers, 85 fighters and three night fighters for the Allied air forces.—British Wireless.

# VICHY TURNING BACK ON THE UNITED STATES

"TURNING ITS BACK on the United States, Vichy has still further accentuated its submission to the Axis," says a leading article in "France," the independent Free French newspaper published in London.

"It is for the Governments in London and Washington to draw the obvious conclusions and take the necessary precautions."

For a fortnight, the writer says, Darlan has been subjected to a double assault. On the one hand from Paris, where Nazi journalists accused him of showing insufficient zeal for "defence" of the Empire and of hesitation in demanding German aid for the defence of Africa.

On the other hand, adds the writer, the revolt of French public opinion has increased.

Exasperated by the Syrian affair, then by the abandonment of "our finest colony" (Indo-China), the French in these past weeks, despite censorship, prisons and direct attacks, have found means to express their anger and disdain.

Darlan, however, was not in a position to hesitate. No attempt at resistance would have been sufficient to ingratiate him with French public opinion which has always ranked him with the Quislings.

### Loves Power

Resistance for him—supposing he even had such a wish—would have meant resignation. And Darlan loves nothing so much as power.

It is to power that he has hitherto sacrificed his country. He stays.

WHETHER GENERAL WEYGAND ATTEMPTED OR NOT TO OPPOSE THIS NEW GAME IS OF LITTLE IMPORTANCE.

Having consented some days ago to be placed under the orders of Darlan, whom he hates, General Weygand has hastened to pay tribute to the regime and to Hitler methods which he has held

### Severe Indictment

Commenting on the speech made by Marshal Petain, Free French Headquarters in London consider that it constituted the most severe indictment which so far has been brought against the armistice government, and was a striking tribute to the French people's determination to resist.

It shed, they say, tragic light on the ever-widening breach which separates Vichy from the nation and is a confession of complete failure.

The Marshal had explicitly recognised that the policy followed by his Government was a challenge to the feelings of that nation and that opposition was steadily increasing among all classes of the population.

He had voiced his determination to overcome this opposition by every means in his power.

The goal was clearly indicated. It was to oblige France to take part, in spite of herself, in the new order that is to accept for ever the regime of misery and servitude to which she had been subjected since the capitulation.

The eyes of the people had been opened. They knew that henceforward it is Hitler who speaks through the lips of the aged Marshal. — British Wireless.



# ALLIED GUARANTEE TO TURKEY

## Re-Affirmation Of Alliance

### Dramatic Turn In International Situation

BRITAIN AND RUSSIA HAVE PROMISED FULL AID TO TURKEY IF SHE IS ATTACKED BY A EUROPEAN POWER, WRITES REUTER'S DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT.

## SEVERE BLOW TO AXIS INTRIGUE

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

The Anglo-Soviet declaration to Turkey is a severe blow to German intrigues and hopes in the Near East.

Its importance lies in the fact that not merely have Great Britain and Soviet Russia jointly undertaken to help Turkey against any attack by the Axis, but that Turkey has accepted and warmly welcomed this guarantee.

It not only amounts to a renewal of the Turko-British Treaty, but is virtually a re-insurance with the endorsement of the Soviet.

Thus, instead of inducing Turkey to denounce her mutual obligations with Great Britain, Germany, in spite of all her pressure and propaganda, sees these obligations reaffirmed by Great Britain, supported by Soviet Russia and accepted with appreciation by Turkey.

### Only The Beginning

The Anglo-Russian declarations give the lie in the most effective and emphatic manner to the German insinuations with regard to Russian designs on the Dardanelles by which Germany has attempted to poison relations not only between Turkey and Russia, but also between Turkey and Great Britain as well.

They constitute a striking example of the intimate collaboration between the two countries and prepare the way for even closer relations with Turkey.

The present step is only the beginning. It is also indicative of the new spirit governing Russian foreign policy which has recently been manifested in the Russo-Polish pact, in the agreement with the Czech Government, and in the promise of Soviet support and free and equal collaboration with all independent nations resisting Hitlerite aggression.—Reuter.

## WODEHOUSE PUZZLE

MR. P. G. WODEHOUSE'S ACTION IN BROADCASTING EACH WEEK FROM GERMANY IN RETURN FOR HIS FREEDOM IS AROUSING BITTER RESENTMENT IN ENGLAND.

A "Daily Express" columnist points out that "Lord Haw Haw" is a drawing tool of a renegade, while Mr. Wodehouse is one of the best-loved of Englishmen and is able to attract millions of American listeners.

Mr. E. L. Sterling, the president of the "Drobes" Club, comprising

This latest dramatic turn in the international situation was made known on Tuesday night with the announcement that declarations in identical terms had been presented by both countries to the Turkish Foreign Office.

The declarations made it clear that both Britain and Russia remain faithful to the Montreux Convention and have no aggressive intentions or claims regarding the Straits.

At various periods during this war Turkey has been subjected to some pressure by other nations which, if it had succeeded, would cut across her understandings with Britain.

At every juncture, however, Turkey reasserted her loyalty to all her obligations to Britain and her Allies and even when she signed the trade agreement with Germany some months ago she made it clear it had no effect upon her treaty with Britain.

Many attempts have been made in German and Italian propaganda drives to separate Turkey from Britain but none has succeeded in providing the desired wedge.

### Friend And Ally

"Turkey is our friend and ally. The Turkish Government have kept us fully informed of the progress of the recent negotiations with the German Government," declared Mr. Eden in Parliament last June.

Only last week again in the Commons Mr. Eden reaffirmed Britain's friendship with Turkey and repudiated a suggestion of enemy origin that we might make some arrangement at Turkey's expense.

Britain, said Mr. Eden, would continue to observe loyally the Anglo-Turkish Treaty, believing the friendship between Britain and Turkey would be a lasting contribution to European understanding, both during and after the war.

### Cyprus Meeting

Mr. Eden met Dr. Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, at Cyprus in March and the official report stated they "re-emphasised the complete identity of views which existed between their two Governments."

As recently as last month great pleasure was expressed in Turkey at the establishment of British military authority in Syria because it was said: "Turkey has become neighbours with their British ally."

The joint assurance that has now been given to Turkey is intended to dispel the effect of Axis propaganda and remove any least suspicion that Britain and Russia had come to any understanding or agreement at Turkey's expense.—Reuter.

Wodehouse admirers, has pleaded with the public to withhold its judgment for four reasons—(1) It may not be Mr. Wodehouse who is broadcasting; (2) after a year in a concentration camp it is unlikely that Mr. Wodehouse's faculties are running in top-gear; (3) his release may be connected with his earlier application for American citizenship; and (4) "We have not heard Mr. Wodehouse's story."

## SILENCING 'PLANE PROPELLERS

Harry Kersten, 41, a habitual criminal with four convictions on his record and an untried robbery charge against him, was freed on a bond in order to work on an invention for silencing aeroplane propellers.

The California Institute of Technology scientists and the chief test pilot of the Vultee Aircraft Company had told the authorities that Kersten's idea was sound, and a laboratory has been provided for his experiments.

Kersten believes that the silencing should be at the hub instead of at the blades, and while he was serving a three-year sentence in the Folsom Prison he made a model of a silent hub which he submitted to the Government.

He said he would require six weeks to make another model for scientific tests.

The District Attorney, who vouched for the release of Kersten, said the invention, if it worked out, "would be a tremendous aid in national defence," enabling the silencing of aeroplanes in an attack with their presence unbetrayed by detectors.

Kersten was facing life imprisonment for habitual criminality.

## TOBRUK BOMBED

Yesterday's British Middle East communique in Cairo stated that except for bombing raids by the enemy the situation at Tobruk on Tuesday was quiet.

In the frontier area our mechanised patrols sighted patrols of enemy armoured fighting vehicles which withdrew before they could be engaged.—Reuter.

The Hong Kong Branch of the Sino-British Cultural Association is giving a Farewell Luncheon to His Excellency Sir Geoffrey and Lady Northcote on Saturday, August 30, at the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.

## ANTI-SABOTAGE BILL SIGNED

President Roosevelt has signed the Bill authorising the creation of a special protection force to guard naval establishments from sabotage, espionage and other subversive activities.—Reuter.

## GERMANS BROKEN AGAINST A WALL

"The Russian armies are not yet out of the game although weeks ago Berlin declared that organised Soviet military formations no longer existed, that the roads to Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev were open and that huge breaches had been made in the Stalin Line."

This statement was made yesterday by the Stockholm newspaper "Handelsstidning."

"Fighting is still going on in the same area a month after this assertion was made," the paper continues.

"When the attacker reached the former Russian frontier he was met by a living wall of the Russians' massed armies."

"AGAINST THIS WALL THE GERMANS FLUNG COLUMNS AFTER COLUMNS WHICH WERE BROKEN INTO BLOODY

## SAFETY, THANKS TO OBSERVER CORPS

A coastal post of the Royal Observer Corps in Scotland recently heard the sound of an aeroplane circling the area, which was enveloped in a heavy sea fog. The crew recognised the sound as that of a Hudson aircraft, and when it was no longer heard they became anxious.

They telephoned a nearby coastal aerodrome and set in motion methods of cooperation with the observer centre and other posts. They were thus able to keep the coastal station informed of the machine's position.

When the aircraft approached another aerodrome the coastal station was able to tell this second aerodrome to put on its landing lights. These were seen by the pilot of the plane, who was then almost skimming the ground, and this Hudson and another one also lost in the fog made perfect landings.

A member of another Scottish observer post was informed that a machine had come down on the water above a dam. He arrived at the same time as the police to find the boat house securely locked. Cries from the centre of the reservoir told him that the pilot was still alive. The observer post member took off his clothes and swam 250 yards to the half-submerged plane.

He found the pilot semi-conscious, strapped into the cockpit, which was already submerged. By great efforts he got the pilot out through the fuselage and, with the help of an R.A.F. sergeant who had swum from the other side of the dam, supported him for 45 minutes until a rescue boat arrived.

## SCRAPS OF HUMANITY A-GAINST THE SOVIET BREAKWATER

"No sign of the end of the slaughter is yet in view,"—Reuter.

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NO MATERIAL CHANGE  
ON RUSSIA'S BATTLE  
FRONT

NO MATERIAL CHANGE has taken place in Russia's far-flung battle front, but the situation in the Ukraine has admittedly deteriorated in Southern Ukraine, writes "Annalist."

On all other sectors the grim struggle is continuing without any marked advantage for either side.

The only other progress claimed by Germany is north of Lake Peipus where unconfirmed reports allege that they have reached the Baltic Sea, thus cutting off communications with Tallinn.

If true, this would mean that an important pocket of resistance was in being on their left flank, and would constitute a threat to their communications.

Tallinn itself is well defended, and with Hango, on the opposite side of the Gulf of Kronstadt, gives Russia complete command of those narrow waters. If Tallinn fell the position of Hango would also be seriously compromised.

## Improbable

There has been no change around Murmansk in the north, or Kiev in the south but the German drive to cut off Odessa and Nicolaev is making headway.

It is improbable, however, that the Germans have switched their main offensive in this direction. It is thought that they may be trying to curb Russian reinforcements to this region while they renew their real offensive against Moscow.

The Russians have probably not very large numbers of troops in this region because while they hold control of the Black Sea there would seem to be a likely prospect of the Germans pushing their advance too far to the East.

## Well Fortified

Odessa is believed to be well fortified, especially from the sea, and the Russian fleet is in supreme control of the Black Sea.

To sum up, the threat to Odessa seems closer to-day, but it should be realised that the German objective is not Odessa, but Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev. — Reuter.

THE EGGS  
WERE SAFE

The giant, four-engined flying boat lurched heavily, and bounced as a rolling wave struck near the tail during a landing in rough water on the Scottish coast.

"Everyone all right, art?" the captain shouted back anxiously as the aircraft wallowed towards the mooring buoy.

"The eggs are all right, sir," came the reply from the depths of the fuselage.

This time the gunner was not referring to the bombs carried on the Sunderland, but to real, fresh hen's eggs.

For this particular Sunderland had landed at a port in Northern Ireland the night before, and one of the local inhabitants had come to the dock with a present of four dozen freshly laid eggs for the crew.

The Sunderland captain hadn't been thinking of those eggs when he shouted, but after hearing the reassuring cry he muttered to his second pilot: "I really should have been more careful. I might have broken those eggs."

FROM FIJI  
TO JOIN  
R.A.F.

The first men to travel to England from Fiji under the Overseas Recruiting Scheme to join the R.A.F. have just arrived in England.

The party consisted of three men. Two were Scotsmen from Stirling, who had gone out to Fiji some years before the war, and held appointments in the Civil Service there. One came home to join up soon after the outbreak of war, but found that he was in a reserved occupation and had to return to his post. Now at his second attempt he has been successful.

As the two Scotsmen were on the point of sailing from Fiji for Vancouver they were joined by a native-born Fijian, Mr. I. Dovi Komaisaval, who like the others wishes to become a fighter pilot. Mr. Komaisaval traces his descent from the former Kings of Fiji. Travel was no new experience for him for he had studied for three

PREMIER'S  
MIND "AJAR"

Mr. Churchill in the Commons told Miss Ward he did not think there were circumstances justifying the creation of a Ministry of Social Welfare for severely bombed areas.

Asked by Miss Ward if he would not close his mind to the suggestion in the forthcoming debate on civil defence, the Premier replied, amid laughter: "I will keep my mind ajar."

years at Wanganui College, New Zealand.

The party were raised to four by the wife of one of the Scotsmen. They reached Vancouver without incident by liner, and received a great welcome from the Canadian. On their way across the continent, they were surprised at the great numbers of men of the Imperial Air Forces training under the Empire Air Training Scheme.

Leaving the Scotsman's wife in Ottawa to come on by liner the three men sailed from an Eastern Canadian port by troopship, landing in England at the end of May. They hope soon to be well on with their training for the R.A.F.

BURMA PREPARES  
METHODICALLY  
FOR ACTION

AS GATHERING war-clouds frown on Burma's neighbours, the Burmese people are grimly and methodically making preparations to resist any attack on their country.

"If the lives and happiness of 16,000,000 people are to be jeopardised by the lust for power, we will defend ourselves to the last man, and we are not alone," is the answer of the ordinary Burmese to potential threats from abroad.

This great Buddhist country of pagodas and paddy-lands has not known war for 63 years.

Claiming a religious kinship with other countries in the Far East, she realises that even religion would be endangered if her frontiers are violated by aggression.

For many months Burma has had to endure specious propaganda broadcast by interested countries but it has evoked only derision.

## Burma's Attitude

In the Burmese eyes those who break the law against killing and commit crimes against peaceful nations are rightly condemned.

Burma's attitude was typically illustrated by scenes witnessed by the Governor, Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith, on his recent tour when the chiefs of the frontier tribes renewed their pledge to die for the cause of liberty.

Fluttering Union Jacks and songs of martial valour were features of the enthusiasm of welcome given to Sir Reginald. The tribes cheerfully accept the black-out and other restrictions and would, if required, furnish formidable guerrilla units. — Reuter.

AIRGRAPH  
LETTERS  
TO FORCES

THE QUEEN WILL INAUGURATE A NEW SERVICE OF AIRGRAPH LETTERS TO THE MIDDLE EAST FORCES BY SENDING A MESSAGE TO GENERAL SIR CLAUDE AUCHINCLOSS, THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, TO-MORROW.

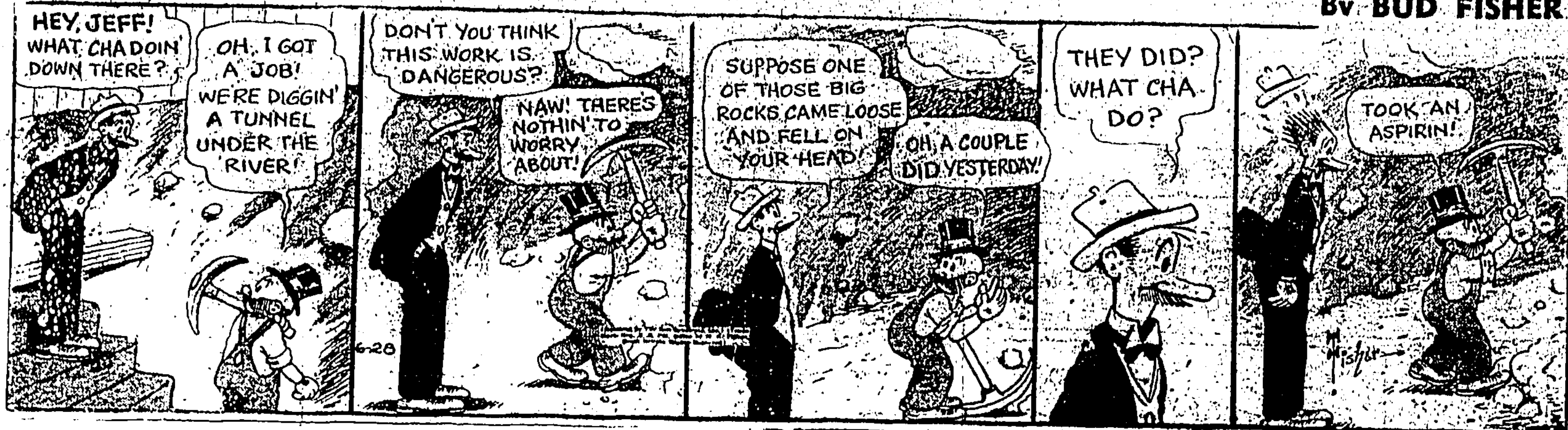
The Postmaster-General and the War Office announce that technical arrangements have now been completed for messages to be sent on and after Friday to the Middle East and East African forces and warships in the eastern Mediterranean, including Fleet auxiliaries and merchantmen requisitioned for naval and military service.

"Postage" will be 3d., and it is expected the letters will reach base in a fortnight. — Reuter.



## MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



# Australian War Cabinet Discusses Far East Situation

## CZECH PILOTS' 6 VICTIMS

DURING A RAID ON LONDON CZECHOSLOVAK NIGHT FIGHTERS BROUGHT DOWN SIX GERMAN AIRCRAFT. THREE OF THE MACHINES WERE DESTROYED BY A SERGEANT PILOT WITHIN FOUR HOURS.

Four Messerschmitts fell to the Czechoslovak fighter pilots last month. Another Messerschmitt was brought down in the Channel last week.

Meanwhile members of the Czechoslovak bomber squadron have been hitting targets in Germany and the German-occupied countries. Some of their recent successes have been attacks on Berlin, the U-boat base at Lorient, the oil reservoirs at Wilhelmshaven, shipyards and a vitally important factory at Bremen.

THE AUSTRALIAN WAR CABINET YESTERDAY CONSIDERED MATTERS OF HIGH POLICY IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SERVICE CHIEFS.

They also further discussed the Far Eastern situation and later reviewed soldiers' pay. Mr. Spender, War Minister, announced allotments to dependents of missing soldiers would be payable for six months after soldiers are reported missing.

There was a wide discussion on procedure to implement the Cabinet's request that Mr. Menzies should proceed to London, and it is expected it will be further considered in the War Council meeting to-day.

It is probable also that a resolution will be submitted to both Houses of Parliament separately.

Support of a large majority of the Labour caucus is expected although interest at the moment is centred on the sessional party meetings.

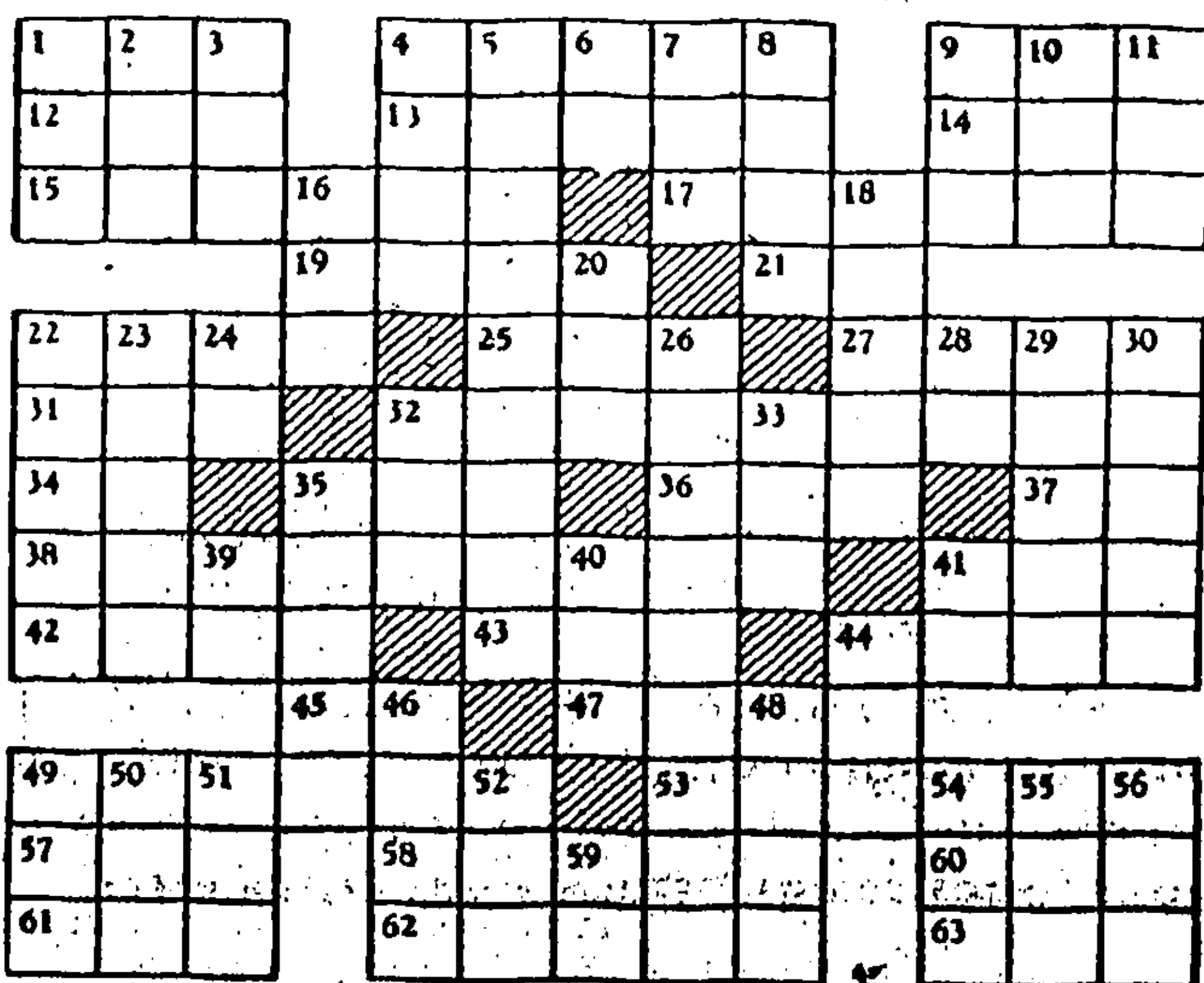
Labour Attitude

While the Labour Opposition leader, Mr. Curtin, has not yet committed himself on the proposal that Mr. Menzies should go to London for war consultation, his deputy leader, Mr. Forde, and the former Federal High Court Judge, Mr. Evatt, announce their opposition to Mr. Menzies' departure for London.

Their opposition is based on the grounds that Mr. Menzies' place is in Australia at this critical time.

Several New South Wales members of the Federal Parliament also oppose the proposal.—Reuter.

## OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



### HORIZONTAL

- 1 To knock
- 4 Man's name
- 9 Female sheep
- 12 War god
- 13 To divert
- 14 Gibbon
- 15 To hold motionless for lack of wind
- 17 To gratify
- 19 Regularly
- 21 Shaped mass
- 22 Note of scale
- 23 Sea in Russian
- 25 Instantly
- 27 To clench
- 31 Hawaiian food
- 32 Line, bound, a surface
- 34 Hebrew month
- 35 Vase
- 36 To pose
- 37 Mulberry
- 38 To place side by side
- 41 Japanese statesman
- 42 Short jacket
- 43 Brownie
- 44 Arabian seaport
- 45 Paid notice
- 47 Clump

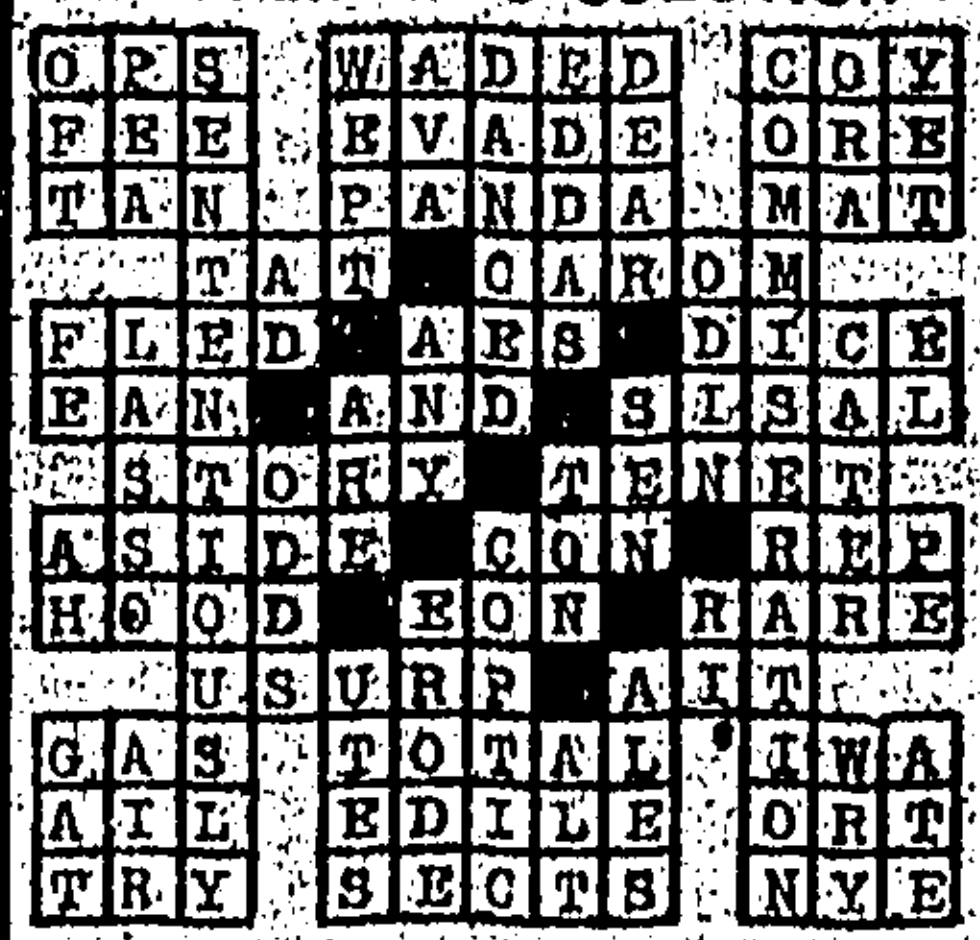
### VERTICAL

- 1 To mark with ridges
- 2 Part of "to be"
- 3 Moccasin
- 4 Nimbus
- 5 An indwelling
- 6 Symbol for ruthenium
- 7 Poisonous snake
- 8 To dissolve
- 9 High note
- 10 Used to be

### 11 Before

- 18 Entirely
- 19 Numeral
- 20 Because
- 22 Swiftly
- 23 Mechanical man
- 24 Sloth
- 26 Yearningly
- 28 Note of scale
- 29 Angry
- 30 Tower
- 32 Prefix in favour of
- 33 Pastry
- 35 Pertaining to a bone of the arm
- 39 Behold!
- 40 Music: high
- 41 European fish
- 44 Philippine savage
- 46 Plate
- 48 To bend
- 49 Head covering
- 50 To be obliged to
- 51 Character in Spenser's "Fable Queen"
- 52 Music: as written
- 54 Wire measure
- 55 High card
- 56 To place
- 59 Italian article

### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



## HEROINE LILIAN DEFIED BOMBS

Most nights 18-year-old Lilian Griffiths spends hours serving soldiers across the counter of a W.V.S. canteen on Stockport Station.

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Now hundreds of people in blitzed Liverpool know her as a heroine.

But, at her Heald Green, Romiley, home, her mother knows nothing of her daughter's bravery, because "she just won't talk about herself," Mrs. Griffiths told a reporter.

Lilian had to drive a van of food supplies to Liverpool. Bombs fell as she entered the city. Once she had to get out and dive under her van as the shriek of falling bombs warned her.

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# GRIMNESS OF WAR BROUGHT HOME IN MOSCOW HOSPITAL

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent  
in Moscow)

THE GRIMNESS of the war was brought close to me by a visit to one of Moscow's hospitals yesterday morning. It was not one of the biggest but a school-building which has been transformed into a hospital where the wounded are moved after operation and before convalescence.

Blitzed Moscow is not considered a healthy spot for the wounded and only the most severe cases requiring specialist handling are brought here.

It was a cheering thought that even this improvised hospital was able to give such excellent care to the wounded. This hospital is specialising in some of the saddest cases of all — face, jaw and eye injuries.

It was spotlessly clean and bright with children's water-colours still on the walls.

The medical staff was clearly most efficient and the head doctor explained as he took me through the sterilising, X-Ray, washing, operating and dressing rooms — work here was in full progress — all of the most modern methods which are being used.

## Plastic Surgery

He stressed in particular the vitamin treatment used in connection with wound-dressing and plastic surgery which is one of the most important aspects of the work of this hospital.

The doctor explained how with bones and tissues from dead people it was possible to eliminate some of the hideous gaping disfigurements I saw under treatment. No longer is it essential to graft from the patient himself.

Most of the patients were too ill to talk but one stocky-looking fellow from the Ukraine, with a swollen jaw heavily bandaged and his speech thick, told me his experiences.

He was 27 and before entering the Red Army a year ago had been training as a builder.

## Smolensk Battle

"Our platoon," he said, "received an order to occupy the village of Dmiedovka, near Smolensk. As we were moving along the country road we met two village women who told us that the Germans had just occupied it. They said they had just left and the Germans were having lunch."

"Our officer decided to attack right away. We made our way along the edge of a wood, surprised the Germans and drove them out inflicting heavy losses. They fled leaving dozens of cars and cycles behind them."

"We built entrenchments round the village and also occupied a further stretch of road."

The wounded man went on to explain how as darkness fell, heavy shelling of the village began and he was wounded in the thigh by a shell splinter. He was ordered back to the village but first tried to find a relief to take his post.

## Nazi Barbarism

"Somehow I got separated from my party and my mind was not very clear so I lay down in the wood half unconscious. Suddenly I felt a hard kick and looked up to see an officer and two soldiers."

"The officer in broken Russian ordered me to get up but I was too weak so the soldiers raised me to my feet."

"The officer asked me questions about the Russian troops but I did not reply and he got more and more irritated."

"He hit me in the face with his fist, knocking me down, and then with a rifle shot at me at point blank range."

"The first bullet merely stunned me as it ricocheted from my tin hat but the second went through my temple and face, coming out of the lower jaw, smashing a tooth and pulping my tongue."

They left him there for dead.

The rest of his story told how surprisingly, in spite of loss of blood, he did not lose consciousness and the next day his comrades, retaking the position, found him and he was sent to the base in a hospital train.—Reuter.

## LAND PLANES IN ATLANTIC BATTLE

Land aircraft are taking an increasingly prominent part in the Battle of the Atlantic.

To the uninitiated, the term "Coastal Command" seems to indicate a Command in control of flying boats and seaplanes only.

But in to-day's struggle around the shores of Britain Coastal Command controls many more land aeroplanes than waterborne craft.

In the Battle of the Atlantic, flying boats have the greatest range of action and initiate the air escort and protection by meeting the convoys far out in mid-Atlantic.

But multi-engine landplanes daily escort convoys, patrol submarine areas and attack enemy air raiders.

Both British and American built aircraft participate in this work. One American aeroplane, the Lockheed Hudson, has particularly distinguished itself under Coastal Command control in the Atlantic air war.

It is in the use of these land aircraft over water that British and American workmanship stands out. Rarely indeed is a land aircraft forced to alight in the sea due to engine or structural trouble.

Land aircraft have several advantages over flying boats, but in exchange must concede certain points. The flying boat has a greater range of action and usually possesses a much heavier armament. The land aircraft is faster and more manoeuvrable.

Coastal Command land aircraft at present operating over the Atlantic can easily out-maneuvre any enemy raiders and shoot them down.

The flying boat, having a bigger hull, has additional comforts. The pilot can walk around and stretch his legs, the crew can smoke. Ten hours and more in a land aircraft, without smoking and scarcely moving from one's seat, proves cramping, doubly so over the monotonous expanse of sea.

Coastal Command makes full use of the salient advantages of both flying boat and land aircraft and it is due to a carefully interlocking usage of these aircraft that Britain has established and maintains air domination of the Atlantic and the safe escort of convoys to home ports.

## MALAYA'S WAR LOAN GIFT TO BRITAIN

Proceeds of the Straits Settlements and Federated Malay States 1941 War Loan, totalling about £2,350,000, have been presented to the British Government.—British Wireless.

## EPIC OF CRETE REVEALED

A high Dominion official now in London declared that when the history of the war is written, the evacuation of Crete will be found no less a miracle than that of Dunkirk.

It can now be revealed that, as the result of action taken after an 11th-hour conference, the New Zealand losses, which looked like totalling two-thirds, were reduced to one-third.

Official said: "Things looked extremely black, and it seemed impossible to do more. We have to thank Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet, who, appreciating the terrific effect on New Zealand morale such heavy losses would have, decided to make a desperate last attempt to take off more troops."

"So the cruiser Phoebe (5,450 tons) was hastily refuelled, re-ammunitioned, and loaded up with medical supplies, with Admiral Cunningham, called from his dinner, personally supervising."

"The Phoebe, with escorting destroyers set off on its hazardous and heroic mission. We waited breathlessly, hoping against hope. They got through and brought off 2,000 New Zealanders, in addition to Australians and some Britons."

The official revealed that some of the troops trekked from 35 to 50 miles on foot across Crete, many with German bullets still in their bodies. One man nursed the stump of an arm which had been blown off by a grenade.

## MOTTO FOR NATAL FIGHTERS

"Pambili bo," a Zulu phrase meaning "On ahead, there," has been adopted by Fighter Command's Natal Squadron as their motto to go with the squadron badge. This shows a black wildebeest in full course across the veldt.

Some time ago it was announced that the pilots and their friends were pondering the choice of a motto. "Pambili bo" was a suggestion sent by a man who had lived for many years in Durban and Johannesburg. A Zulu phrase, he contended, would be more typical of Natalians, who, as a rule, are not descended from trekkers.

"It symbolises the idea of going forward," he wrote to the squadron, "thus applying both to the wildebeest and to the airmen from Natal."

"Pambili bo" is the cry of the Kaffir boy as he drives the oxen pulling the plough.



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## DAYLIGHT RAID

The brilliantly organised daylight raid upon Cologne, the first to be delivered against a city in Germany's vast interior since our bases were thrown back from Northern France to the British Isles, is a sign not merely of Britain's growing air strength, but also of mounting British confidence in ability to assume the heavier risks of daylight onslaught over hostile territory. With it, the Air Ministry's disclosure that Germany this summer has been bombed as heavily as Britain was bombed in the gloomy depths of last winter, emphasises Mr. Churchill's terrible promise of mid-July that "We will mete out to the Germans the measure and more than the measure they have meted out to us."

More than the Mosaic eye-for-an-eye, tooth-for-a-tooth is involved here. More than the human impulse to strike back lies behind this promise, more than hate answering hate. Many British people are convinced that the best hope of ending the war is to convince the German people that they will suffer increasingly as it is prolonged.

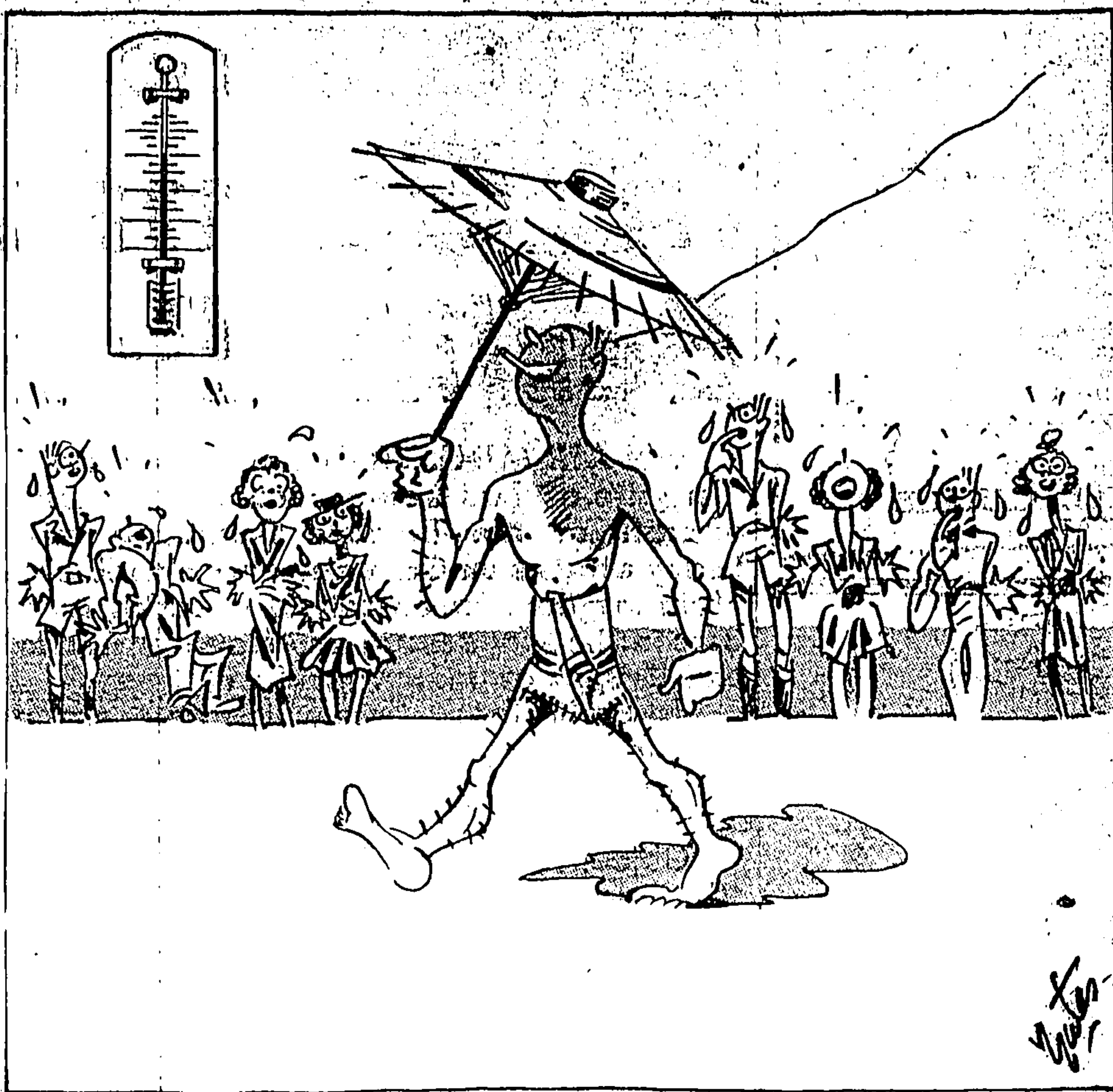
There is also a growing conviction that merely destroying the Nazi power will only do what the destruction of the Hohenzollern dynasty did last time—bring after a time a revival of Prussian militarism in some new form. Many Germans themselves have said that the German people—who have not felt the foot of an invader since Napoleon's day—must be cured of dreams of national glory based on their remarkable military efficiency.

This view is reflected in Mr. Churchill's statement:

"It is time that the Germans should be made to suffer in their own homeland and cities something of the torments they have let loose upon their neighbours and upon the world."

Human punishment is still based on experience which teaches that mortals change slowly and after many lessons in suffering. Those who have not been bombed are not in the best position to oppose British demands that the German people must be made to suffer. Yet they may hope that the circumstances may so develop that the lesson will be learned without

## CLOTHES AND THE CLIMATE



THE MAN WHO WENT THE WHOLE HOG

# A Breath Of French Air

I have had the good fortune to be allowed to look through files of hundreds of letters from practically every corner of France, occupied and unoccupied, written since the German invasion of the country. The correspondents belong to a great variety of class, age and condition, men and women, old and young. Only one is a French Protestant; the majority, without mentioning their religion, casually slip in the mention of some saint or some devotion, thereby supplying indirect evidence that French Catholics think of France's liberation first, of her moral and religious regeneration as only secondarily possible, however desirable. One can read the feeling between the lines that although decrees on divorce, religious education, political honesty, agricultural reform and so forth may be useful and hopeful diversions, they will mean little until the day France is free.

It will be remembered that General de Gaulle, on the eve of the New Year, broadcast to all Frenchmen the request to stay indoors on January 1, in protest against the armistice and the occupation. Here is a letter written on January 5, and despatched from one particular French town in the names of the women, whose husbands were at that moment held as war prisoners: "General de Gaulle, Your orders have been obeyed on New Year's Day, and in the whole town of—only 'greens' (des verts, i.e. Germans) were seen in the streets. This means that the whole of France is behind you." These ladies write in the same letter: "It is in the name of a group of admirers of General de Gaulle in—that I venture to express our complete confidence in you. We also thank all the soldiers who have answered your appeal and rallied round you to fight the enemy and redeem France's honour. We all know that under an energetic leader and a true Frenchman like you, France will see her day of victory. Our spirits, once very low, have risen since the day we heard of you and found a hopeful future to look forward to. Let us keep our courage intact, you to beat the enemy, we women to face the difficulties of life."

### The Stake Is Civilisation

From a Frenchman to his sons, who have joined the Free Forces: "When in your turn you will go into action, remember that, if you are in command, the

the "month after month, year after year," Mr. Churchill promised.

stake is life or death for the civilised world. And remember whom you are dealing with. The German is very humble in the presence of the strong, but his brutality has no limits whenever he is the stronger. It is—kill or be killed. Be brave, cheerful, and set a good example to your men.

"In T—, I do not know for what fault, hostages were marched to the Square and a bomb was thrown into their midst. I did not see it, but your mother and I heard it read out of a letter that came from the place."

In one French city, the women have combined to write each in turn to the "Legionaries," and to keep the correspondence going some of the letters, or at least one, reaches the Free Forces to tell them how all the women of France take their inspiration from them. Here is one of these letters: "Legionaries: We are a group of French women who daily draw our strength to live from your faith and your sacrifice. We also want to serve, after your example; and we shall serve, each where God has placed her, however tiny the place be. This we swear to you, who are worthier than we. But we thought that over there, in spite of the friendliness that surrounds you, you may miss a breath of French air; this breath we wish to send you, and that is why we meet. We shall write to you each in turn. It may be that many of the letters will not reach you; but we shall leave no means untried: were but one of them to break through and reach you, the face of a mother, a sweetheart, or a little daughter, we shall be happy enough and shall have attained our object."

### Their Legendary Home

That the humblest Frenchmen are thinking in terms of the larger issues, is shown by a letter coming from a corner of France known for its picturesque and its chivalrous traditions. It is addressed to the British: "Bent under the shame of the armistice and our disloyalty to you, dear British friends, we were very near despair when General de Gaulle and his soldiers saved the honour of France. Thanks to their courage and self-denial, which compensate for the failings we deplored so deeply, we dare again lift our heads. For in S—, we never for a moment submitted to the forsaking of our British comrades, nor the deser-

tion of France. If there were sad defections in a few places, certain leaders were not equal to their task, in S— we fought well. Facing the Germans and attacked in the rear by the Italians, in spite of inferiority in numbers and equipment, our soldiers held out. And they cannot resign themselves to the surrender of the country, and are all eager and ready to join you, whenever the moment of liberation will come. In our villages General de Gaulle is the legendary hero who has saved the Empire and will save France. We will wait, no matter what we suffer, no matter what our sorrows are since we can once again raise our heads. I would also like you to know how admirable our clergy have been, at a time when we thought everything was lost, and before your broadcasts came to bring us the certainty that you were carrying on the fight. It was our clergy, who, from our church pulpits, told us to put our trust in England; and when we held our annual pilgrimage to St. Francis de Sales on a small hill of C—, over 4,000 people prayed last September for the victory of France and her Allies.

"As to you, dear British friends, how can we express our deepest gratitude for your courage, and especially for your magnanimity; never a word of blame for our desertion, for the calumnies that fill our newspapers, for the wrongs we have involuntarily caused you. Our deep admiration goes out to the brave population of London. We marvel at its heroism."

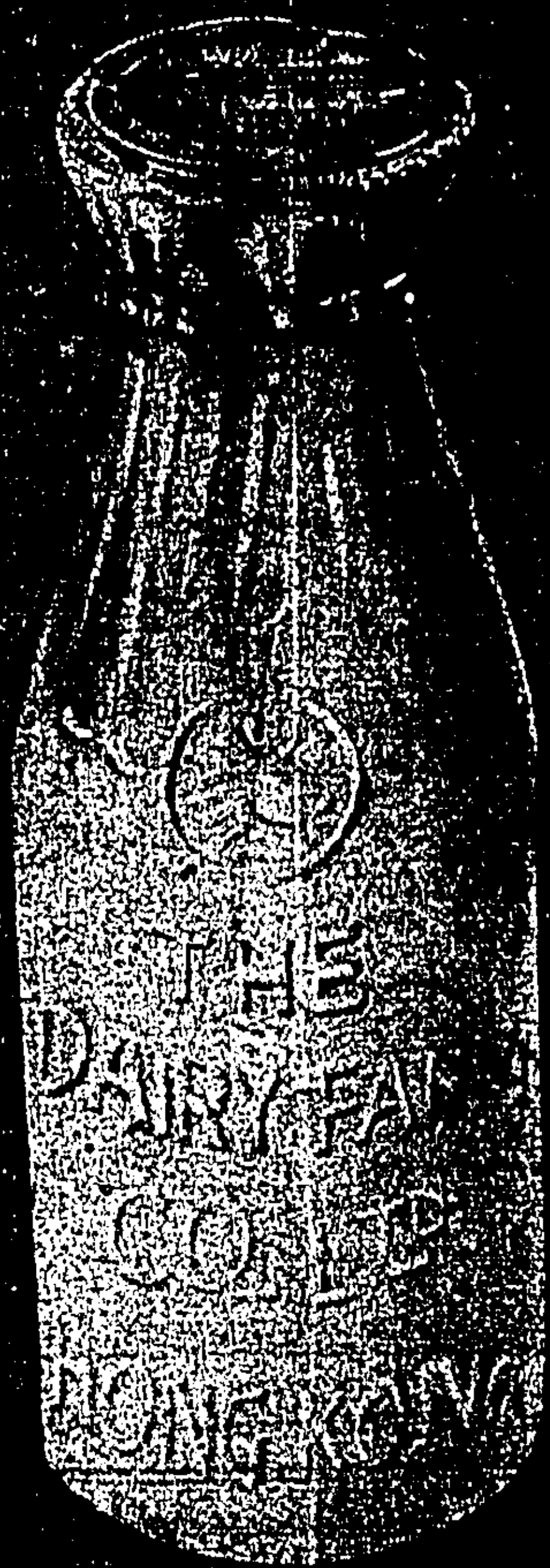
From other letters, which we have not space to quote, interesting observations are casually made on the R.A.F.'s raids over France; as for instance that "British bombers aim well, and we are not nervous."—"We buried some victims of a British air raid. Que voulez-vous, c'est la guerre."—"and other remarks, showing that the aims of British hostilities over France are clearly realised to be for the eventual liberation of France; and that the French people are willing to pay the price.

These are but a few quotations, but they are representative of what is expressed by hundreds of correspondents: a noble shame for the surrender of France and a silent but burning wish to see the British and the Free French fighting side by side to ultimate victory.

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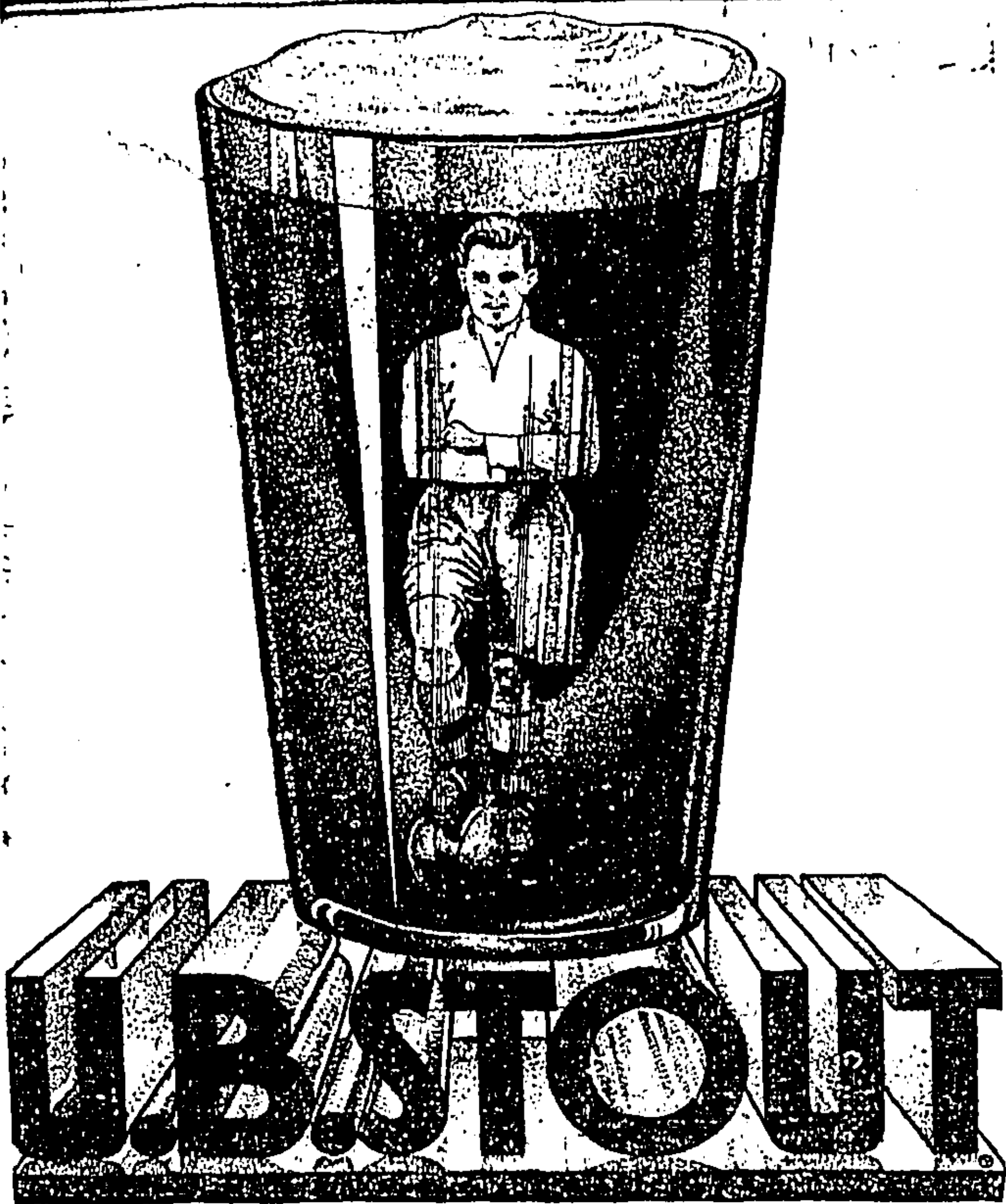


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# Extensive Raids In Germany: Berlin Bombed

**AN AIR MINISTRY** communique states: "In spite of bad weather on Tuesday night aircraft of the Bomber Command made heavy attacks on Germany over a wide area. Main targets were objectives in Berlin, industries in the Magdeburg and Hanover districts and Krupps armament works at Essen.

In Berlin large fires which were started were increasing hold when our aircraft left and much damage was also done in the other attacks.

Objectives were also bombed at many other places in Germany, including Stettin, Kiel, Bremen, Osnabruck, Duisburg and Cologne. Aerodromes in Holland and the docks at Le Havre were also attacked.

From all these operations 13 bombers are missing.

Fighter Command aircraft attacked an enemy aerodrome in occupied territory.

Aircraft of the Coastal Command on patrol off the Norwegian coast during the night attacked shipping, harbours and an aerodrome.

Further details of the night's widespread attacks on Germany are given in an Air Ministry bulletin.

In almost all areas heavy cloud and bad weather was encountered. The badness of the weather kept the bombers over Berlin for a long time looking for targets.

One of the worst barrages yet encountered faced them.

Wellingtons, Manchester, Stirlings and Halifaxes were over the German capital and in two hours of attack fires were seen beginning as white points of light, continuing as a red glare beneath the clouds and ending as a sullen glow in the skies which our crews could see for a great distance on their way back.

## Wood From Tree

One crew back from Berlin came into the interrogation room carrying wood from a German tree. The captain had come below the cloud and found himself grazing the top of a wooded hill.

A Stirling crossed the coast at 400 feet and then cruised round the Ruhr, mostly at 300 and never above 1,000 feet. The pilot finally found a good target and dropped his load of bombs.

At Hanover the weather allowed our crews to see more of what they had done and they were well satisfied with the results of their heavy attack.

At Essen, Wellingtons got the armament works and started a tremendous fire about half a mile long.

Kiel, Bremen, Osnabruck, Duisburg and Cologne were among other targets of the night and reports from crews attacking these towns are evidence of a night of sustained bombing and of difficulties most persistently overcome.—British Wireless.

## 17,000,000 STEEL HELMETS

Seventeen million steel helmets have been manufactured by the Ministry of Supply for the Fighting Services and civilian fire watchers.

They are being turned out at the rate of nearly 500,000 per week, which means there are now enough for all the Fighting Services and civilian fire watchers. American machines sent under the Lend-Lease Act have been used in producing the helmets.—British Wireless.

## AIR RAID CASUALTIES IN JULY

Altogether 501 were killed and 447 injured as a result of air raids on the United Kingdom during July, announces the Ministry of Home Security.—British Wireless.

# EYE-WITNESS STORY OF ATTACK ON PETSAMO

**MANY GIRLS' NAMES AND MANY MESSAGES FROM BLITZED TOWNS LIKE COVENTRY AND PLYMOUTH WERE PAINTED ON THE NOSES OF TORPEDOES (TIN FISH) WHICH WERE LAUNCHED BY THE FLEET AIR ARM IN THEIR RAID ON PETSAMO AND KIRKENES A FORTNIGHT AGO.**

Many of the messages, said Commander Nimming, broadcasting in London last night on the raid, bore the mark of a humorist, such as "I hope you see the point of this," "As this is your meatless day here's some fish," and "This is not propaganda, it's a proper basket," or words to that effect.

It was disclosed that the force was under the command of Admiral Wake-Walker and included the aircraft-carriers Victorious and Furious.

They had hoped to spring a complete surprise but just before zero hour low clouds gave place to a clear sky and they were spotted by an enemy plane which raced away to give the alarm.

Crews and planes were ready and were quickly away but the enemy plane had done its job and fighters were soon attacking the Fleet Air Arm planes.

IT FACT THE FIRST MESSAGE TO BE PICKED UP BY THE CARRIERS WAS THE PILOT OF ONE PLANE RADIOING TO ANOTHER: "DON'T LOOK ROUND NOW BUT THERE'S A 109 ON YOUR TAIL."

Eventually the first of the raiders with its escort returned but it was soon evident that a number were missing.

## Sixteen Lost

Actually 16 planes were lost although the crews lost are known to include 19 prisoners of war and one crew which landed behind the Russian lines are now back in Britain.

Of the effect of the raid there was little doubt. Although the planes did not hang around to see the run and explosion of each fish, they were well and truly aimed and it is believed that the damage was probably in excess of the Admiralty claims.

These were two hits on the Nazi warship Bromske and hits on at King George VI.

least four supply ships at Kirkenes, where four enemy aircraft were shot down.

At Petsamo "great damage was done to port facilities."—Reuter.

## PANTOMIME DEVICE TO SELL DRINKS

When a military police corporal entered a Bournemouth club as a guest he was asked if he was a member. When he replied that he was not, the barmaid said she could not serve him.

She suggested, however, that he should give some money to a woman member nearby and she would buy the drinks. This he did.

David Roy, proprietor and secretary of the club, was fined £120 with £2 costs on five summonses of selling intoxicating drinks without a licence. The barmaid, Ann Elant, was fined £2 for selling intoxicants to non-members, prosecuting solicitor describing the method of serving drinks as a "ludicrous pantomime and threadbare device."

## KING'S NAME FOR ENGINE

A new L.M.S. Coronation class streamlined engine is to be named warship Bromske and hits on at King George VI.



# DEFEAT OF NAZIS VITAL TO TRADE OF ALL

THE ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE of defeating Germany was urged upon the general session of the international conference of the New Education Fellowship at Ann Arbor, Michigan, by Dr. Maurice J. Bonn of London.

Declaring that we have "to liquidate imperialism, not to revive it," he predicted that we will have to adjust our over-expanded structural industries and provide them with world markets after the war.

"We can only do it successfully by developing the less matured areas of the world, among them Africa, the Far East and Latin America," he added.

"We shall have war economies for a long time, whatever the outcome of the war," said Dr. Bonn. "But there is this difference: if the Allies are victorious, these measures will be temporary, the result of an emergency. They will have to be accepted though they may not be liked and they can be abolished or modified when the emergency has passed. To the Axis powers they represent the natural system of society; a conception which can only be destroyed by defeat."

"Notwithstanding the great mistakes which have been made in the peace treaties ending the first world war and in the period following them, very great and by no means retrograde social changes have taken place," Dr. Bonn continued. "A new world has arisen since the fateful last days of July, 1914, when the old order went to pieces."

## Urges "New Set Of Principles"

"There is no need for a new set of principles, but there is great need for their proper universal application to ever-changing new conditions. Many so-called progressives crave originality; a good world order is very much less important to them than a new world order. But the fate of mankind is not improved by stunning novelties; it is not an affair of rapidly changing Spring and Autumn social fashions."

"The direction which change will take depends far less on abstract principles than on concrete conditions. We cannot debate whether or not we should return to a world such as existed before 1914. Even if it had been a perfect world, which is certainly a doubtful assertion, it has been destroyed. It is as dead as Queen Anne and cannot be revived."

Dr. Bonn went on to say: "We have to liquidate imperialism, not to revive it. We will have to adjust our over-expanded structural industries and provide them with world markets."

"We can only do it successfully by developing the less matured areas of the world, among them Africa, the Far East and Latin America. The first is comparatively easy but probably limited; the second can only be done in co-operation with China and a humbled Japan. It will imply the recognition that the Far East is no longer the white man's exploiting ground."

"Latin America offers by far the greatest possibility for expansion, and even for large-scale population movements. It has been a kind of international colony, as far as its economic development was concerned."

"Their wealth, their assumed nearness and their efficiency will make the United States the natural leaders in this part of world reconstruction. Their leadership will fail if they do not look beyond continental ambition and imagine that they can help to establish a new world order by building new separating walls."

## Davila Hails New Unity

Carlos Davila, former Chilean Ambassador to the United States, predicted that democracy would see to it that misery in the midst of plenty did not continue in the Western Hemisphere.

He told his audience that it was not surprising that the development of inter-American solidarity had been a slow process inasmuch as the only common denominator for many years between the United States and Latin America had been their geographical location in the same hemisphere.

Saying that "the forty or fifty years of the black chapter in the relations between the United States and Latin America" were "now fortunately past and forgotten," Mr. Davila added that it must be admitted that compared with empires of Asia and Europe in the past the United States had shown "a great deal of fairness, justice and respect in its relations with the other countries of this hemisphere."

The factor for unity, however, he continued, had not been economic but psychological, "the faith in a common cause, the fear of a great common danger which suddenly took hold of the people, surmounting the all too often mentioned consideration of a political, diplomatic, cultural or economic nature."

## X-RAY UNITS FROM U.S.

Two X-ray trailer units presented to the Red Cross and St. John War Organisation by Mrs. Winant, wife of the United States Ambassador, will be for use at Southampton and Winchester. A third unit is on its way to England for service at Bournemouth.

The units, the gift of New Hampshire, United States to help hospitals in Hampshire, England, were handed over at the American Embassy, and were received by Gen. Sir John Duncan, Chief Commissioner of the St. John Ambulance Brigade; Lady Louis Mounbatten, county president of the brigade for London; and the Countess of Malmesbury, president of the Hampshire branch of the British Red Cross Society.

# CANADA GIVING HAPPINESS TO BRITISH CHILDREN

(By VICTOR LEWIS)

THE BOYS OF Victoria High School, British Columbia, were to give a concert in a few days' time. Main item was the school orchestra. But there was a snag. The orchestra lacked just one member — a violinist.

In the nick of time a little lad who had travelled 3,000 miles arrived — and the school orchestra was saved.

Donald Bellamy had come all the way from Grimsby, England. Practically the first question they asked him at the school was "Can you play a violin?" And when he said, "Yes," he was the hero of the hour.

To-day, Donald is one of the stars of the school orchestra.

He is also one of the 6,000 British children between the ages of five and 16 to whom the homes of several thousand Canadians in all parts of the vast Dominion have opened their doors.

The children, living in Canada for "the duration," are no longer referred to as refugees or even as evacuees. "Guest children," they are called — and as guests they are treated.

They go to school with the children of their Canadian "foster

## WAVELL RUMOUR DENIED

The New York "Post" suggests that it was at the instance of Australia that General Sir Archibald Wavell was replaced as Commander-in-Chief in the Middle East by General Sir Charles Auchinleck.

Under the heading, "Wavell Shift Menzies's Idea," it publishes the following Associated Press of America message from London: "Australian criticism of General Sir Archibald Wavell's conduct of the Libya campaign precipitated the shake-up."

"From Australian sources it was learned that resentment by the Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, was an important factor in General Wavell's shift."

"Australian staff officers, these sources said, advised General Wavell against his defensive dispositions after his army had run the Italians from Cyrenaica."

"General Wavell was reported to have replied that the 300 miles of desert between his army and the Axis troops in Tripoli would hold any enemy advance to small units."

"As a result, the western defences of Cyrenaica were reduced to release troops for Greece. The Germans hit the British screen. They swept the British from the territory, the taking of which cost hundreds of Australian lives."

## Mr. Menzies's Denial

When the New York report was mentioned to Mr. Menzies he said:—

"The suggestion is entirely untrue. It is not even like the average lie, which has some shadowy half foundation somewhere."



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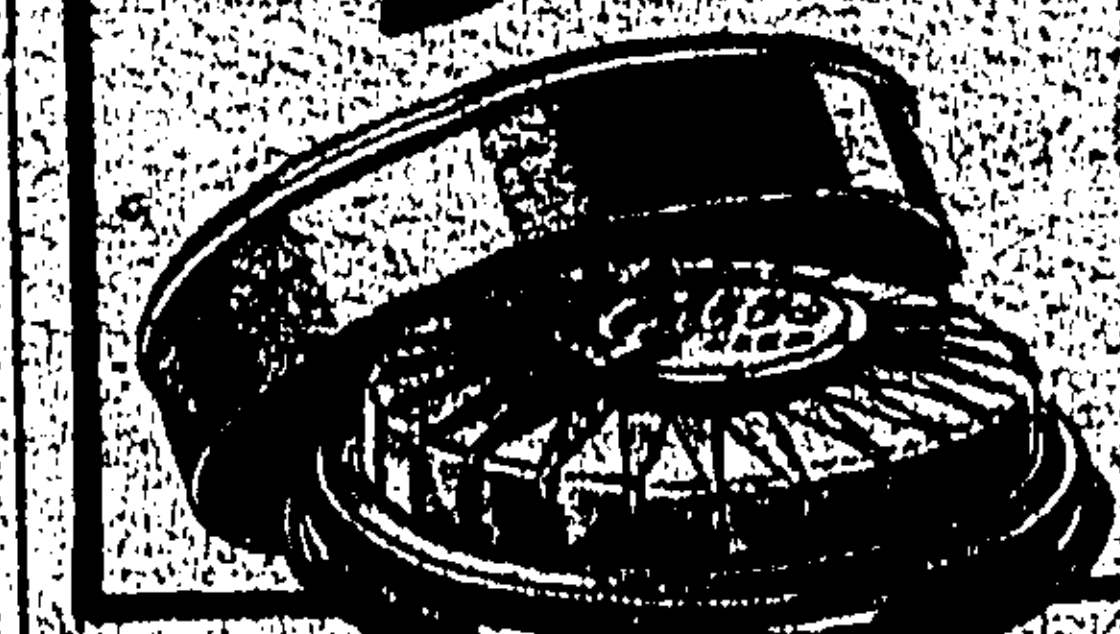
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### Notice To Members

The 54th Annual General Meeting of members will take place in the Club House on FRIDAY, 15th August, 1941, at 6 p.m.

E. L. STRANGE,  
Hon. Sec.

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NOTICE is hereby given that an Interim Dividend of \$1.00 per Share has been declared for the half year ended 30th June, 1941, payable on MONDAY, 25th AUGUST, 1941, on which date Dividend Warrants may be obtained on application at the Office of the Company, Kowloon.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from SATURDAY, 16th AUGUST, 1941, to MONDAY, 25th AUGUST, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS,  
Secretary & Manager.

Hong Kong, 11th August, 1941.

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T. BLACK,  
Commissioner of War Taxation.  
Hong Kong, 11th Aug., 1941.



### NOTICE

### REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE NO. 12 OF 1939

#### A. REGISTRATION OF BRITISH SUBJECTS

1. All British subjects (male and female) other than persons of Chinese race and members of His Majesty's regular Naval, Military and Air Force and the Hong Kong Police Force shall within two weeks of arrival in the Colony make a return in the approved form and shall deliver the return to the Police Registration of Persons' Office, 4th floor, Chung Tin Building. British subjects (excluding the exempted classes already mentioned) who change their residential or business address or who are about to leave the Colony shall report the fact to the Police Registration of Persons' Office within one week before any such change of address or intended departure. IN THE CASE OF PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS (INCLUDING YOUNG CHILDREN) THEIR RETURN SHALL BE MADE AND SIGNED BY THE PERSONS' PARENT OR GUARDIAN.

#### B. REGISTRATION OF ALIENS

1. All aliens, other than those of Chinese race or those exempted by section 2 (5) of the Ordinance, who arrive in the Colony or who change their residential or business address or who are about to leave the Colony, shall report the fact in person or in writing for registration at the Registration Office (address above) within 48 hours after every such arrival or within one week before every such change of address or intended departure as the case may be.

#### C. WARNING.

IT SHOULD BE PARTICULARLY NOTED THAT EVERYONE, EXCEPT THOSE EXEMPTED ABOVE, MUST REGISTER EITHER AS BRITISH SUBJECTS OR AS ALIENS. PERSONS WHO HAVE NOT ALREADY REGISTERED AS BRITISH SUBJECTS OR AS ALIENS ARE REQUESTED TO DO SO WITHOUT DELAY.

Sd. J. P. PENNEFATHER-EVANS,  
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Hong Kong, 13th Aug. 1941.

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## BRIDGE NOVELS

### THE EXTRA CHANCE By The Four Aces

One of the distinguishing marks of the expert is that he plays a hand in such a fashion that he has some extra chance to make a hand which most players would miss. For example:

South, Dealer  
Both sides vulnerable

**NORTH**  
♠ 10 7 6 5  
♥ A Q J 4  
♦ K  
♣ A K 8 4

**WEST**  
♠ Q J 3  
♥ 10 5 2  
♦ Q J 10 9  
♣ J 10 9

**EAST**  
♠ 2  
♥ K 7 6  
♦ 8 7 5 4 2  
♣ 7 6 5 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K 9 8 4  
♥ 9 8 3  
♦ A 6 3  
♣ Q 2

The bidding:

| South | West | North | East |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1♠    | Pass | 3♠    | Pass |
| 3♠    | Pass | 6♠    | Pass |
| 6♠    | Pass | Pass  | Pass |

West opened the Queen of diamonds, and South looked at the dummy and congratulated himself on being in an excellent contract. The contract was a lay-down for twelve tricks if the trumps were evenly split or if the King of hearts happened to be in the West hand. The odds were about two to one that one of these conditions would obtain—and there was also an extra chance.

South won the opening lead with dummy's King of Diamonds and laid down the two top trumps. When East showed out on the second round of trumps, most players would take the heart finesse at once, thinking it their only chance. But South saw no reason to rush matters; the heart finesse could be taken later on.

First, South tried out the clubs. When the Queen produced the nine of clubs from West, South began to hope. His hopes were confirmed when dummy's high clubs drew West's ten and Jack, setting up the eight of clubs as a winner. On the Ace and eight of clubs, South discarded two hearts, thus making a heart finesse unnecessary.

Note that if the clubs had failed to split favourably, South could have regained the lead by ruffing dummy's fourth club; and then he could take the heart finesse. Trying for the clubs therefore couldn't lose anything, and actually made the difference between making and losing the contract.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner, and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q J 5  
♥ K J 7 3 2  
♦ A Q 9  
♣ T 4

The bidding:  
Jacoby Schenken Mator You  
1♠ Dbl. Pass (?)

ANSWER: Bid two hearts. Your partner has a strong hand and you have a good suit and better than average strength. The jump bid is necessary to show your strength.

Score 100% for two hearts, 40% for one heart.

### Question No. 794

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Jacoby Schenken Mator You  
1♠ Dbl. Pass 2♥  
Pass 2♠ Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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# HONG KONG AIR DEFENCE: A GUESS IN A BROADCAST

HARRISON FORMAN, the American journalist, in another broadcast to the United States from ZBW this morning, described an interview he had had with the G.O.C., Major-General C. M. Maltby, and referred to American warplanes which are "mysteriously disappearing up country."

He hinted that should Japan attack Hong Kong she might discover squadrons of these 'planes suddenly appearing at their backs from "somewhere in Free China."

Mr. Forman's broadcast was as follows:—

Hello, N.B.C. This is Harrison Forman speaking from Hong Kong, China; on the opposite side of the globe from most of you in America. It's exactly ten minutes to nine in the morning here—Thursday morning.

Yesterday I called upon the newly-arrived General Officer Commanding Troops in China, Major-General C. M. Maltby. Though he received me well after the closing hour of a normal working day, he was still at his desk piled high with papers and such.

He wore khaki shorts and an open-neck shirt, which framed a deeply bronzed face, brightened by a pair of good-natured eyes, and topped with a shock of tousled sandy hair. Muddy shoes and burs on his socks suggested a strenuous day in the open with his troops.

### Man's Man

I liked him instantly. And so does everyone I've talked to about him—especially military men. He's a man's man, a soldier's soldier, who isn't afraid to dirty his hands. A man to inspire confidence, and the man necessary to counterbalance civilian Hong Kong's ostrichism.

I asked him what he thought of Hong Kong, and her chances if war came to her doorstep. A military man, he answered in military terms:

"Hong Kong has the greatest concentration of guns in the British Empire—of all types, from the biggest of large-calibre coastal defence guns to high-altitude anti-aircraft guns. And from what I've seen during my rounds of inspections, I can say that I am more than satisfied with the degree of efficiency, training and accuracy of fire of the gunners in their practice shoots. More than pleased, too, with the men themselves, who are mostly seasoned troops of extraordinary high morale.

"I'm confident," he concluded, "that we'll put up a jolly good show, come what may."

### Air Defence

Well, in my opinion, blitzkrieg war has proven the value of two important weapons—the tank and the warplane. For Hong Kong, the principal part of which is built on a comparatively small island of steep-sided hills, the tank is immediately ruled out. But with Japanese aerodromes in occupied Chinese territory only minutes distant by air, the threat of an air-blitz, here, should the balloon go up, is a grim one indeed.

Apparently, Hong Kong has no air force stationed here to meet this threat. The Nipponese, however, are suspicious of this. All signs here point clearly to a British determination to defend this place strongly—threat or no threat of Japanese blitzkrieging planes.

In Singapore some weeks ago, Air Vice-Marshal Pulford, Commanding the R.A.F. in the Far East, commented on Britain's air power in Malaya. Said he:

"Do not imagine the air force here is solely for the defence of Singapore. In the last year or so we have completed a chain of military aerodromes that stretch to the northern frontiers of Malaya; and in Burma, to the frontiers of China."

### Haunting Suspicion

Now, I have a pretty good idea that in the last few months literally hundreds of American warplanes—Lend-Lease stuff—have been pouring into Malaya and Burma, and mysteriously disappearing up country. And a haunting suspicion must be beginning to form in the minds of envious Japanese across Hong Kong's borders that should they attempt an air-blitz here, squadrons of these American warplanes may suddenly appear at their backs—operating from "Somewhere in Free China," streaming in along a dotted line of secret airbases reaching all the way back to Burma and Singapore.

Hong Kong, then, may no longer be the isolated outpost of Britain in the Far East. And perhaps the growing defensive strength of Britain at Singapore has by now reached proportions where its defensive sphere of influence has already been extended to include Hong Kong.

I now return you to NBC.

## NURSES "ENJOYED" REVOLT

IN BOMB SCARRED AND SHELL-PITTED HABBANIYA R.A.F. STATION IN IRAQ, NURSING SISTERS OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE WENT ON WITH THEIR JOBS WITH THE SAME COOL EFFICIENCY AS THEY DISPLAYED IN CIVIL HOSPITALS AT HOME.

There were no mock heroes. The nurses did their share of diving into ditches and shelters during raids, but they made light of the dangers. Their spirit was summed up by one who went out six months ago. She said she was "rather enjoying it."

"There is not the slightest fear in any one of them," said the matron. "They have to run the gauntlet of danger as they move about among the buildings, and when they go to and from their mess, but their courage is what we expect of the nursing service."

Once a cannon shell from a Messerschmitt made a hole in the roof of the operating theatre, and British determination to defend this place strongly—threat or no threat of Japanese blitzkrieging planes.

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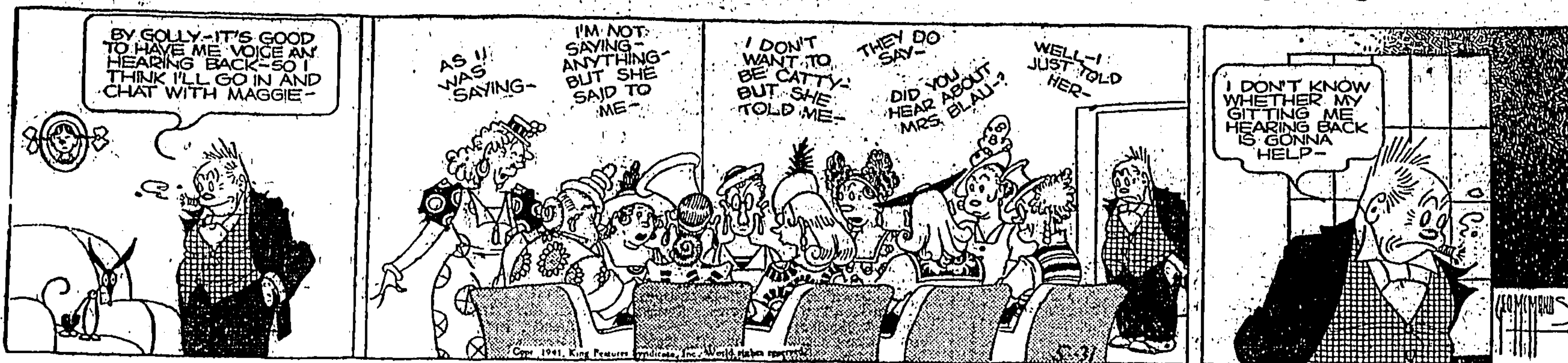
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN

# Unattractive Wives Lose Husbands

If a wife allows herself to grow drab and unattractive the chances are her spouse will wander off and be ensnared by a more lovely woman—in the opinion of Dr. James Madison Wood, who is president of Stephens College.

Dr. Wood has done a lot of delving into marriage statistics and he has found that the average woman doesn't take as much interest in her appearance and manners after marriage as she did before she caught her man! And that accounts for a large percentage of divorces.

Personally I hope that isn't true. In my opinion, women strive to keep young looking and attractive even against great odds. But it is true that when a woman neglects herself she loses out. She may not lose her husband but she most certainly loses friends and a great big slice of fun.

Husbands, children, and friends like to see a woman look her best. You know that is true! We all appreciate beauty, we all want to be beautiful—that is if we are blessed with normal good health. A sick woman becomes indifferent because she hasn't the energy to groom herself or plan for free hours in which she might make herself more interesting. While she is ill, she is excused by society, but once she begins to recuperate, society expects her to keep an eye on all the little details which make her more lovely.

### Natural Instinct

Some of you will not agree with me, but I am glad that men (generally speaking) like their women folk to be attractive. No matter how you may argue the question, a man's love is and should be an inspiration to woman. And it should work the other way too—a man should keep himself as attractive as possible in order to be an inspiration to his family.

If you look around you and pick out an attractive family—where the husband and wife and children are all conscious of good grooming and good manners—you usually find a happy family. Their instincts are normal—they want to look their best, act their best, enjoy themselves. In fact they want to be numbered among the top citizens which is a healthy



Keeping attractive though married is insurance for happiness and harmony. A box of well-chosen make-up is a friend to the matron.

ambition and one not to be discouraged.

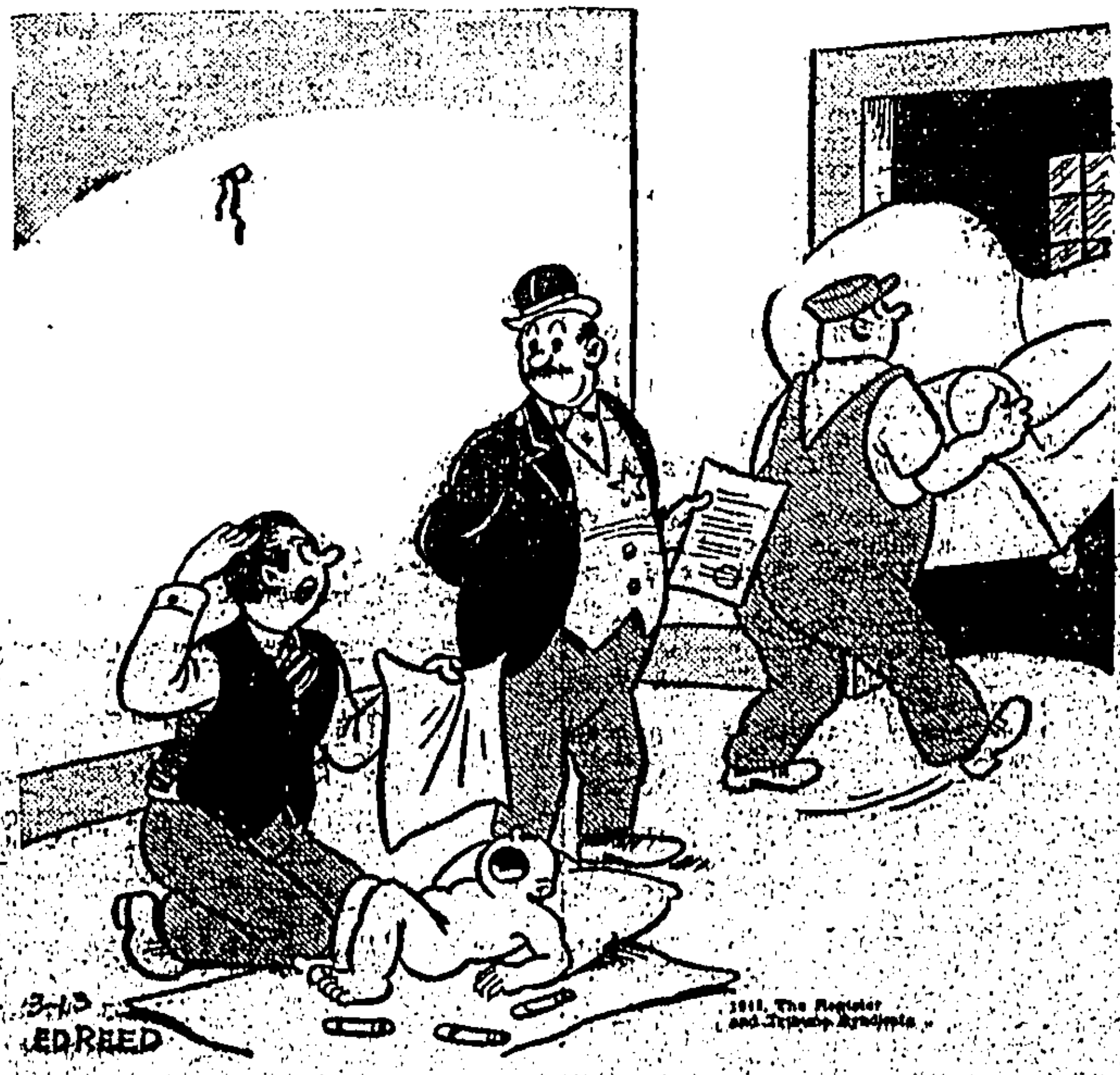
I've seen very disappointed women snap out of their lethargy and beautify themselves and by so doing recapture a lot of love and joy they thought they had lost forever. I've seen ill women helped back to health by patient nurses (either professional or

friends) who encouraged a new hair-do, a facial, new make-up and other little beautifications.

Beauty is an essential part of the world (and I am not talking about being vain). Every woman is expected to contribute her part. If daily grooming and pleasing manners will hold a family together, let's campaign for both!

### OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



Here's Luck

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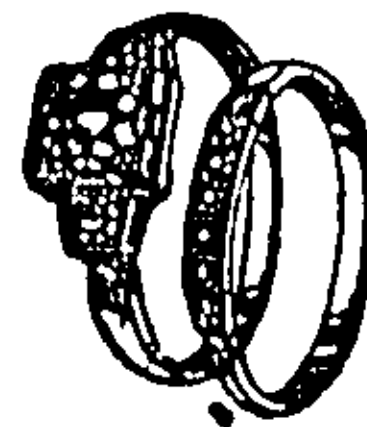
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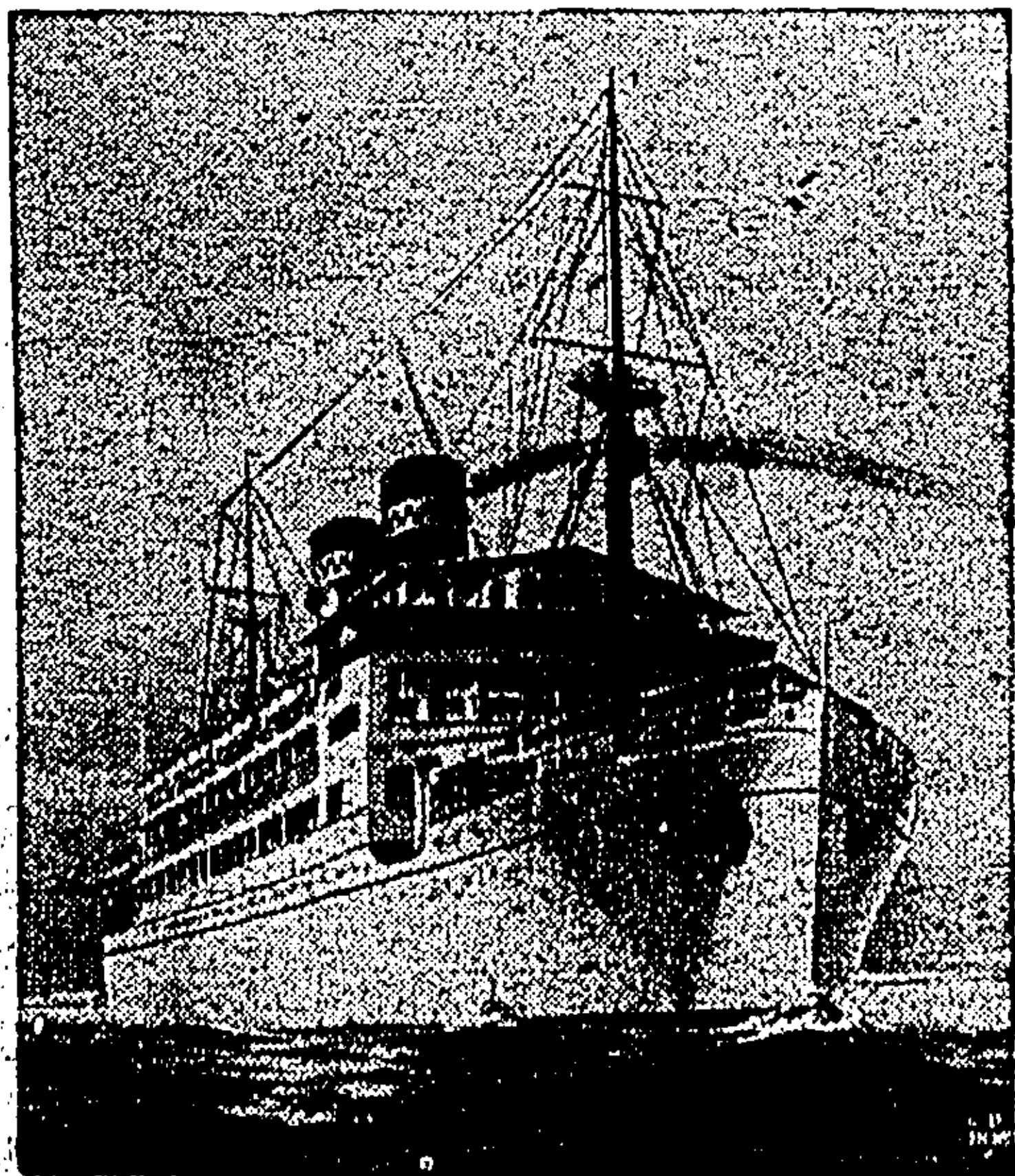
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12.30 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Mozart—Concerto in F Major.

1st Mov: Allegro; 2nd Mov: Allegretto; 3rd Mov: Allegro assai. Artur Schnabel (Piano) and The London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Dr. Sargent.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Variety with Murgatroyd &amp; Winterbottom, The Andrews Sisters and Others.

Comedians—We Must Stick Together (Butler-Wallace)...Murgatroyd &amp; Winterbottom with Orchestra.

Vocal—Down by the O-Hi-O (Olman, Yellen)...The Andrews Sisters with Orchestra.

Violin—Song Of Paradise (R. King) ...Albert Sandler with Piano &amp; Organ.

Vocal—Love Is Where You Find It (Warren, Dublin, Mercer)...One-Two-Three O'Leary (Herman, Bishop)...The Andrews Sisters with Orchestra.

Piano-Accordeon—Accordeon Parade Medley...The Piano-Accordeon Virtuosi.

Comedians—In The Quartermaster's Stores (Box, Cox, Reed)...We're All Together Now (from "Gulliver's Travels") (Robin-Ralinger)...Murgatroyd &amp; Winterbottom with Orch.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Alec Templeton at the Piano. Man With New Radio (Musical Caricature—Alec Templeton); Star Dust (Paris—Carmichael); Mendelssohn Mows 'Em Down (Templeton).

1.55 p.m.—Joe Reichman and His Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—The Wise Old Owl (Joe Ricardell); Toy Piano Minuet (Messner—Kulthau); I'm Always Chasing Rainbows (from film "Ziegfeld Girl"—McCarthy, Carroll); Keep An Eye On Your Heart (Leeds—Manners); Variations in G (Reichman); It's Sad, But True (Stoner—Block—Green).

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Love Lies: When The Swallows Come Back To Capistrano...The New Mayfair Dance Orch.

Swing Fox-Trots—The Hour Of Parting; Coconut Grove...Benny Goodman &amp; his Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—Whatever Happened To You; Rumba—The Rumba-Cardi...Xavier Cugat &amp; his Waldorf-Astoria Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—When Buddha Smiles; Rock Island Flag Stop...The Casa Loma Orchestra.

Waltz—I'll Be Waiting For You; Fox-Trot—Shake Down The Stars...Oscar Rabin &amp; his Band.

7.20 p.m.—Songs from the Films.

"Moon Over Burma"—Moon Over Burma...Dorothy Lamour with Orchestra.

Film Hit Medley—Intro: Isn't This A Lovely Day ("Top Hat"); Why Stars Come Out At Night ("Big Broadcast of 1938"); Cheek To Cheek ("Top Hat"); Without A Word of Warning ("Two For Tonight"); I Wished On The Moon ("Big Broadcast"); You Are My Lucky Star ("Broadway Melody of 1938")...Sidney Torch (Organ Solo).

"Robber Symphony"—Serenata (Friedrich Fehér); Romance...Webster Booth (Tenor) with Orch.

"Broadway Melody of 1938"—Selection: "The Singing Marine"—Selection...Reginald Foot (Organ Solo).

"Nice Girl"—Old Folks At Home...Deanna Durbin with Orchestra.

7.45 p.m.—Accordeon Solos by George Scott-Wood.

Ahi Sweet Mystery Of Life (Herbert). Song Of Songs (Moya).

Speak To Me Of Love (Lenoir). Stars Over Devon (Flynn &amp; Egan).

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Studio—Recital by Leonard Jordan (Baritone) accompanied by E. O'Neill Shaw at the Piano.

1. (a) Trees (Rasbach); (b) Because (d'Hardelot); (c) Friend o' Mine (Sanderson).

2. (a) The Deathless Army (Trotter); (b) Rose of England (Novello).

8.50 p.m.—Light Orchestra—Interludes.

Stephanie—Gavotte (Czibulka); The Way To The Heart—Gavotte (Paul Lincke)...Willy Steiner &amp; his Salon Orchestra.

Liebesfreud (Love's Joy—Kreislner) ...Vienna Boheme Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—Studio—"To-night We Present". A Review of new records.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short-Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Concert Waltzes and Tangos.

Waltzes—Love Is My Life (Strauss); Romantique (Lanner—arr. Walter) ...Orchestra Raymonde.

Tangos—Dreams In Spring (Julio Blanco); The Tango Of My Heart (Schmidseider)...Robert Renard Dance Orchestra.

Waltz—Tues—Ball Sirens (from "Merry Widow"—Lehar)...Orchestra Mascotte.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News &amp; News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—Arthur Rubinstein at the Piano.

Consolation No. 3 (Liszt). Hungarian Rhapsody No. 10 (Liszt). Prelude in C Sharp Minor, Op. 8 No. 2 (Rachmaninoff).

Minuet and Trio (Schubert).

10.35 p.m.—The Don Cossacks—Choir in a Programme of Russian Music.

Russian Potpourri—Intro: "The Nightingale" (Michailowsky)...Russian Balalaika Orchestra.

Monotonously Rings The Little Bell (Folk Song—Jaroff)...The Don Cossacks Choir.

Caucasia (Ippolitoff—Iwanoff)...Rus-

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**CZECHS BOMB HAMBURG**

During a recent attack on Hamburg a bomber manned entirely by Czechoslovaks was holed in more than a 100 places by anti-aircraft fire.

Within five miles of the town a searchlight picked up the aircraft, and by the time it had reached the target area it was transfixed in a cone of thirty searchlights. Shell began to burst all round the bomber and a few small splinters hit the starboard wing and the starboard side of the fuselage.

The damage was not serious and the Czechoslovak crew kept on their way through an ever increasing barrage. The captain kept a steady course, and made the bombing run without taking any evasive action which might have prevented the observer from

taking accurate aim. The aircraft was hit twice.

One of the crew said, "It felt as though we had been struck by a great hammer."

The captain heard the sound of breaking glass, and felt a pain in his side. Though almost fainting he kept at the controls, and managed to keep the aircraft steady, to open the bomb doors, and to follow the changes of course given him by the bomb-aimer.

As the aircraft continued on the bombing run it was hit again and again. Two shell fragments went through the pilot's cockpit without hurting anyone, and another fragment destroyed the wireless equipment, but the captain still held on his course till the bombs had gone. Then he took violent evasive action and shook off the pursuing searchlights.

When he had got well away from Hamburg the captain handed over the controls to the second pilot, and the navigator and the wireless operator helped him to the bunk in the middle of the aircraft. The controls were working sluggishly as the hydraulic system had been put out of action.

Without the hydraulic system it was impossible to lower the under-carriage, and the second pilot who was making his first operational flight, had to make a belly landing when he reached his base. There were ninety-three holes in the wings and the fuselage and many more on the bottom of the fuselage.

The captain is now back with his squadron; his injury was not serious.

**PUBLICITY FOR R.A.F.**

London newspapers are at odds with the Air Ministry on the question whether the names of R.A.F. aces should be published.

The Air Ministry's policy is not to mention names on the ground that it is detrimental to discipline. The newspapers contend that the experience of the last war showed that the mention of the deeds of air heroes is a valuable influence in the Air Force generally, because it sets a standard for pilots to live up to.

Aeronautical correspondents are pressing a campaign for the release of names of aces and are quoting names and deeds whenever it is possible to obtain information.

A case in point is the published record of the deeds of Squadron-Leader J. H. Mungo Park, 22, a noted ace, who shot down 20 enemy planes and is now missing. The Aeronautical Correspondent of the "Daily Mail" is using this as a theme, and strongly urges a change of Air Ministry policy.

He says: "Much publicised deeds of men like Bishop, Brown, Ball, Mannock, and West of the last war, did almost as much to put the R.A.F. on the top as actual performance against the enemy. Our boys were given something to live up to. I maintain that from the Dominions alone, where overseas service is voluntary, Britain would get 50,000 more airmen a year if the deeds of fighter and bomber pilots were publicised."

The correspondent satirically concludes: "The R.A.F. is the world's greatest air force. The pilots of our bombers are the world's best, but that is not official."

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## SIGNALS AQUATIC SPORTS

Some keen swimming was seen at Army Swimming Pool, Victoria Barracks, yesterday, when Royal Signals held their annual swimming sports before a large crowd. At the conclusion of the sports, Lieut. Colonel E. Levett distributed the prizes.

Following were the results:—  
Two lengths Free-style:—1. Sig. Bennett; 2. Sig. Allen; 3. Sig. Hunt. Time: 41 secs.

One length Novices Free-style Handicap:—1. Sig. Liang; 2. Sig. Hodson; 3. Cpl. Copsey. Time: 30.2/3 secs.

Long Plunge:—1. Sig. Lister; 2. Sig. Bevan. Distance: 48 ft. 7 1/2 in.  
"Out of the Hat" Relay Race:—1. L/Cpl. Thorley and Sig. Bevan; 2. Sig. McCann and Sig. Lister; 3. Sig. Ferric and L/Cpl. Rumbold.

Two lengths Breast-stroke:—1. Cpl. Bedford; 2. Sig. Ferric. Time: 54.4/5 secs.

Old Soldiers Race:—1. Major L. Hayes; 2. Sgt. Green; 3. Sgt. Ient. Time: 28.3/5 secs.

Two lengths Back-stroke:—1. Sig. Bennett; 2. L/Cpl. Dignan; 3. Sig. McCann. Time: 55.1/5 secs.

Inter-Section Relay Race:—1. W/T Section (Cpl. Bedford, L/Cpl. Price, Sig. Bennett, Sig. Allen, Sig. Hunt and Sig. Carroll); 2. The Rest (L/Cpl. Dignan, L/Cpl. Morgan, L/Cpl. Thorley, Sig. Hodges, Sig. McCann and Sig. Biggs). Time: 1 min 53.4/5 secs.

Diving:—1. L/Cpl. Dignan; 2. Sig. McCann; 3. Cpl. Bedford.

### Water-Polo

In an inter-section water-polo match, W/T Section drew with a team drawn from the Rest, each scoring once. Pitches and Dignan being the marksmen. Teams were:—

W/T Section:—Cpl. Bedford, Cpl. Newham, Sig. Bennett, Sig. Hunt, Sig. Carroll, Sig. Allen and Sig. Pitches.  
The Rest:—Cpl. Truscott, Cpl. Thorley, Sig. Rumbold, Cpl. Morgan, Sig. McCann, Sig. Dignan and Sig. Hodges.

In an exhibition water-polo game Royal Scots drew with Signals, leaders in the European Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo Tournament, each side scoring four times. Hunter (2), Miller and Laws scored for Royals and Allen (2), Dignan and McCann for Signals.

## QUADRANGULAR GALA AT "Y" ON AUGUST 21

At a meeting of European Y.M.C.A. Swimming Committee yesterday, it was decided to hold an invitation quadrangular swimming contest on Thursday, August 21, at 9 p.m. when Y.M.C.A. will be hosts to Royal Scots, Middlesex and Combined Small Units including Signals.

Following is the programme:  
50 yards.  
Six-men medley team race (two back-stroke, two breast-stroke, two free-style).

Six-men 50 yards each relay.  
Diving:—One plain, one fancy, from each board (one diver).

Plunging (individual):—one plunge.  
Officers 50 yards relay.

Women's 200 yards invitation relay (Victoria Recreation Club, Lai Tsun, Chinese Bathing Club, South China).

Women's 150 yards invitation medley relay (same teams as in free-style relay).

50 yards obstacle race.

Water-polo (two selected teams from the four competing teams).

Referring to a return meeting with Lai Tsun Swimming Union it was decided to reserve a date in the middle of September as Volunteer and Service manning, and Y.M.C.A. and Colony Championships will occupy the next four weeks.

Discussing the water-polo tournament, in which 115 games have been played and 67 are outstanding, it was decided that at the conclusion a Knockout Tournament for probably eight teams be held.

European Y.M.C.A. championships will take place this month. Entries close at 5 p.m. on August 19.

## HAD POLISHED TOE NAILS

Hess was immaculately groomed. Before his identity had been proved beyond doubt it was obvious that he was no ordinary prisoner. Even his toe-nails were beautifully polished.

Mrs. McLean, wife of David McLean, the Renfrewshire ploughman who found Hess, said:—

"We knew when he came into the cottage and spoke to us that he was a man of some standing and accustomed to command."

When he smiled he showed he had several gold teeth. On

## UNOCCUPIED FRANCE IN FAIR CONDITION

Dr. Alexis Carrel, research scientist who has been touring France to study the effects of food deficiencies, has arrived in Paris, the Paris press says.

Newspapers said Dr. Carrel had found health conditions in the unoccupied zone "very satisfying," adding that his "statement contrasted singularly with certain reports spread in America."

## INDIA'S PART AS ALLY OF BRITAIN

India's contributions in men and materials to Britain's war effort, and its mighty potentialities as an Empire arsenal, were described by Firoz Noon, High Commissioner for India in London.

Now in the United States discussing trade problems concerning India and the United States, Mr. Noon added that Indian troops in considerable number were fighting in Eritrea, Ethiopia and in Libya.

India has found a new degree of unity in its wish to see the defeat of totalitarianism, and this unity is spurring the Indian war effort, Mr. Noon stressed. In spite of differences between the British Government, the Moslem League and the All-India National Congress, the country is unanimous in wanting to see Hitler defeated, he said.

India's war usefulness to Britain is a three-fold matter, Mr. Noon continued.

First he stressed the ability of the country's steel industry and manufacturing plants, backed by unlimited supplies of raw materials, to turn out guns, tanks and ammunition. Second, the vast manpower of India with its potentialities for turning out soldiers. Third, India's possible assistance to the British Commonwealth of Nations in resisting Japanese demands in the Far East.

Under the first heading, the High Commissioner stressed that India to-day is producing 90 per cent. of its war requirements.

In manpower categories, Mr. Noon said, the Indian army has grown from 160,000 to 500,000 men since the war's inception.

Back of India's war manufactures, the High Commissioner added, is its steel mills but it is at present seeking certain machine tools for defence industries in the United States, where, he disclosed, the Indian Purchasing Company, headquartered in New York, has made large purchases of engines and other war material.

## COMMONS' BOMBING LOSSES

Members of the House of Commons staff who have lost clothes and effects through the bombing of Parliament are to receive assistance in presenting their claims so that they may receive immediate attention.

one wrist he had a gold watch, on the other a gold compass. His clothing showing below his flying kit was of good quality and his boots were totally

## NAZI FILM PROPAGANDA REVELATIONS

The often cited appreciation of the value of propaganda made by Hitler in "Mein Kampf," to the effect that Heaven can be made to seem Hell and the worst conditions to appear paradise by able propaganda, finds practical application in the use of films by the Nazis.

In America the danger of this effective and subtle method of dissemination of Nazi gostrums has been realised and a firm which is engaged in the film trade on behalf of Germany and Italy is now included in the U.S. proclaimed list.

In Latin-America, aggressive propaganda contained in Axis news reels and films has resulted in a boycott, except in a few Axis-controlled or owned picturehouses, and Germany and Italy have been driven to expedient in hiring halls or showing films in the open air.

Almost all Axis films shown in the Americas are delivered by the notorious L.A.T.I. air-service whose danger to Pan-American security has been repeatedly emphasised in the American press and radio.

In Europe the showing of American films has been prohibited as far as occupied countries are concerned and every endeavour is made to persuade the few remaining neutrals to bind themselves not to buy or sell films to countries not represented at the "International" Film Congress, quietly summoned in Berlin on July 22.

### Swedish Action

Sweden recently withdrew permits for the import of films of U.K. or U.S. origin, and in Spain 63 per cent. of films shown are of German origin.

Now Germany is busy planning for the new order in films as in everything else. Germany is to control all European markets, production and distribution.

Collaboration is invited—notably in France, where the existence of a flourishing, versatile but uncentralised film industry offers unique opportunities for German protection and patronage—but where collaboration is not forthcoming no competition will be permitted.

If, as is clear, the new order is to be based on a drastic reduction of the European standard of life to or below the German level, the showing of even the most innocent Hollywood productions, with their portrayal of a high standard of living and high regard for individual liberty, must obviously be rightly excluded.—British Wire-less.

## W.A.A.F. UNDER FIRE

When an R.A.F. aerodrome was recently attacked by enemy raiders, members of the W.A.A.F. ran from their bedrooms in their pyjamas to put out incendiary bombs. Windows in their quarters were smashed, and many of the girls were jolted out of their beds. Their newly built mess, adjoining the sleeping quarters, was hit by a high-explosive bomb, but nobody was injured.

Although an enemy raider was still overhead and had machine-gunned some of the aerodrome buildings, the W.A.A.F. girls paid no attention to the threat of a renewed attack, but hastened to stifle the incendiaries with sand-bags. The Station's fire-fighting squads were quickly on the scene, but there was little for them to do. "Not one of the girls faltered," said one of the Station's officers, "they behaved magnificently."

When they had put out the incendiaries, the girls had cups of tea, and returned to their rooms to clear up the litter of glass and rubble. Before beginning their normal duties next morning they helped to clear the earth and debris from the path in front of their quarters.

## FIGHTS AT NEARLY 500 M.P.H.

The speed at which pilots of Fighter Command engage and destroy the enemy is every day increasing. The shooting down of three Me. 109s in recent combat is thus described:—

A sergeant pilot: "I dived on the Me. at full throttle and overtook at something like 470 m.p.h. At this speed I opened fire with cannon and machine-guns and blew the starboard wing off the enemy machine."

Another pilot: "Black smoke poured from the enemy plane which continued to dive. I was then doing about 450 m.p.h. and had to pull out of my dive." The pilot of a B'enheim bomber saw the Me. crash in flames.

A Canadian pilot: "The German machine half rolled into a steep drive and I got within 30 to 100 yards. I clocked over 450 m.p.h., at which speed we passed over Dover in a steady dive." This Messerschmitt also was shot to the ground.

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HUTCHINSON BACK AGAIN WITH V.R.C.

The "China Mail" was authoritatively informed this morning that David Hutchinson, who earlier in the season threw in his lot with European Y.M.C.A., has now decided to swim for V.R.C. again and will be representing them in their return gala against Lai Tsun Swimming Union, at Chinese Y.M.C.A., on Saturday next.

## K.C.C. PAIR RALLY LATE AT RECREIO

Two games in the Third Round of the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship were played yesterday at Club de Recreio when L. J. Silva and J. F. V. Ribeiro defeated their clubmates, C. E. Marques and J. E. Noronha by three shots, both pairs registering a five.

A. E. P. Guest and T. A. Madar rallied well at the last five ends to beat A. Eastman and W. Simpson by four shots.

At Club de Recreio, L. J. Silva and J. F. V. Ribeiro beat C. E. Marques and J. E. Noronha by 21-18 in Third Round of the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs championship.

At the 6th end Marques and Noronha led 6-4 but at the 12th Silva and Ribeiro had taken the lead at 11-3. Scoring was on the low side and the score was 13-11 at the 16th. Silva and Ribeiro then had 11-15 to lead 21-13 at the 20th. Marques and Noronha scored a five at the last end to lose by three shots after scoring at nine ends.

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### Strong Finish

A strong finish, when they scored nine shots at the last five ends enabled A. E. P. Guest and T. A. Madar of Kowloon Cricket Club to beat A. Eastman and W. Simpson of Kowloon Football Club at Club de Recreio in Third Round of the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship yesterday.

Starting with a four, Eastman and Simpson led 8-4 at the 7th. Guest and Madar then had 21-11 to lead 9-8 at the 11th. Eastman and Simpson led 15-10 at the 16th, but failed to score thereafter, while the Kowloon Cricket Club pair had 11-4-21 to win by four shots after scoring at 12 ends.

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Now that he's planning gasless Sundays, what does United States Secretary Ickes propose to do with Libby Leo Durocher and the Brooklyn Dodgers on the Sabbath? And does he expect fight managers to hibernate every week-end?

## PEPPER'S TEAM BUNTS TO TOP THE LEAGUE

John (Pepper) Martin, the old handy man and fireball of the St. Louis Cardinals, likes his new job as manager of the Sacramento Senators. From his results in two months, he appears cut out for the work.

The Senators are leading the Coast League by a fat margin, haven't lost a series and seem destined to breeze in for Sacramento's first pennant.

Martin has scandalised the league by a generous use of "Dove" Herpuff bunting tactics. Six times the Senators pulled

The Red Sox were waiting for the bell to ring and end Cleveland's batting practice one day recently, when a newspaperman came into the dugout and wanted to know: "Who was the greater ball player, Ty Cobb or Babe Ruth?"

"Cobb by a mile," said Moe Berg, wiping perspiration from his face with a towel. "No comparison between the two. As an all around player, there never was a man who could carry Ty's glove. And he was a self-made player. When he first came up he had nothing more than speed and hustle, but he made himself the greatest offensive threat of his day."

### Good Pitcher

"Don't forget, the Babe was a pretty good pitcher before he took to the outfield," said Mike Ryba, in an attempt to uphold his end of the profession. "How many pitchers have thrown 29 consecutive scoreless innings in a World Series?"

"Ruth was a great pitcher, of course," Berg went on, "and the leading home run hitter of all time. I'm not saying he wasn't great in his own right. But as an all around ball player, day after day, I have to pick Cobb."

### Smart Player

"Judging from what I've heard, I'd say Cobb was great because of his speed," said Ted Williams, who was absorbing every word of the discussion.

"No, that's not entirely true," Berg continued. "Ty had much more than a pair of legs. He had a brain—probably the keenest baseball has seen. He'd outthink you if he thought he couldn't beat you any other way."

"For several years he had the longest ball ever hit at the Polo Grounds, and I think he was the first man to hit one over the right-field wall at the old Fenway Park."

### Invented Plays

"I'd sum up this Cobb-Ruth argument by calling Babe the greatest natural player and Ty the greatest who made himself," said Jimmy Foxx, who had just arrived on the scene.

"That's right," said Berg, nodding. "Cobb invented more plays than any other player. He was the first to pull and bunt and run. Rossman, the old Tiger first baseman, who the best bunter of his day. One afternoon Ty said to him: 'If I get on, bunt the first and I'll go around to third.' They worked it many times."

"I'll tell you something I saw Cobb do when he was 40 years old and supposed to be all through," said Berg. "He was on third base when Harry Heilmann hit one down that way. The third baseman took the ball, turned and saw Ty standing nonchalantly a couple of inches from the bag, and fired it to first to catch Heilmann. Meanwhile, Cobb tore for the plate and scored standing up."

Lou Clay, junior from Milton, Mass., has been selected captain of the 1942 Harvard baseball team.



H. Owen Hughes, H.K.C.C. and interport cricket captain, at present on holiday in Australia, will be back in time for the start of the cricket season.

## K. H. IP BEATS YAN-PUI

K. H. IP, WHO FIGURED PROMINENTLY IN THE COLONY LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS THIS YEAR, BEAT TSUI YAN-PUI, COLONY CHAMPION, DURING THE WEEK IN THE SEMI-FINAL OF THE CHINESE RECREATION CLUB SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP BY 6-3, 2-6, 6-3, 6-1.

TSUI WAI-PUI WAS BEATEN BY PAUL KONG IN AN EARLIER ROUND.

THE OTHER SEMI-FINAL, BETWEEN PAUL KONG AND IUTAK-CHEUK, WILL BE PLAYED EARLY NEXT WEEK.

IN THE COLONY CHAMPIONSHIP THIS YEAR TSUI WAI-PUI, BROTHER OF YAN-PUI AND A FORMER CHAMPION, BEAT IP 6-4, 6-4.

## M.T.B. WATER-POLO

Whites beat Blues at Y.M.C.A. yesterday in the M.T.B. flotilla inter-boat water-polo league by one goal to nil after a goalless first half.

Play was mostly in favour of Whites in the first half and only the good play of Spirit, in Blues' goal, prevented a score.

In the second half Blues improved considerably and play was more even. Barker, who played in the pivotal position for Whites in the first period then moved up to centre-forward and before the end scored the winning goal.

WHITES: Rutter, Barker, Arnold, Sub/Lieut. Gee, Lieut. Ashby, Pres: and Stillmore.

BLUES: Lieut. Collingwood, Sub/Lieut. Legge, Spirit, Stonell, Lilley, Burrows and Clarke.

### THREE-DAY MEETING

Kwangtung Provincial Relief Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Lau King-ting, have arranged an elaborate swimming gala at Chung Shing Bathing shed for Saturday, Sunday and Monday to raise funds for the relief of wounded soldiers and refugees in Kwangtung.

Prominent swimmers have been invited to participate, among whom are Wong Chi-hung (Sing Tao), Miss Vivienne Chum (V.R.C.), Miss Ho Wai-king (V.R.C.), A. K. Rummah (V.R.C.), Fung Wai-cheong (Y.M.C.A. Swimming Union), Lionel Rozz-Poreira (V.R.C.), Ng Nin (Sing Tao), Eddie da Rosa (V.R.C.), Tsui Hang (Eastern), Miss Li Po-luen (South China), and Wong King-ling (V.R.C.). A fire dragon display will also be a feature of the gala.

## WAR TIME DUTIES WILL AGAIN GREATLY AFFECT ORGANISED CRICKET

By "Incog."

ALTHOUGH THE DIFFERENT CLUBS, AND PARTICULARLY THE PLAYERS THEMSELVES, ARE KEEN ENOUGH ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE CRICKET LEAGUE DURING THE 1941-42 SEASON, INDICATIONS ARE THAT IT WILL, PERHAPS, BE A LEAN SEASON AS VOLUNTEER, POLICE RESERVE AND OTHER DUTIES ARE LIKELY TO CLAIM EVEN MORE TIME THAN THEY DID IN THIS PERIOD LAST YEAR.

One club very badly affected is Craigen-gower Cricket Club. Prospects there at the moment are so poor that, unless they can unearth some new talent, the chances are that they will run only one team in the League this time.

Not that there is a dearth of players at this club. There are a good many youngsters who promise to develop into really useful club cricketers, but, as one of Craigen-gower's own leading cricketers said, "They are not quite fitted for League cricket as yet."

And that, it is feared, is likely to be the case at most of the other clubs. Enquiries from Hong Kong Cricket Club elicited the information that, beyond the fact that H. Owen-Hughes, who is at present away in Australia on holiday, will be back in time, nothing is known regarding the Club's plans for the cricket season. It is doubtful whether a team will be entered if the League should function (and there is no reason to believe that it will not), but at the moment everything is very much up in the air.

### K.C.C. Unchanged

Kowloon Cricket Club will have all of last season's players to call on—if they can be spared from Volunteer duties—while W. Mulcahy, who was on leave last season, is back again, and it is rumoured that Lieut. Ansari, who played for Army last year, is contemplating application for membership to this club. If he joins he should prove an acquisition.

Frank Goodwin, who turned out for K.C.C. 2nd XI last year, is not sure whether his knee injury will stand up to the strain of weekly games, but will be playing again, whenever possible.

Like Kowloon, Club de Recreio will also find Volunteer duties a great handicap, although they will have all last year's players available as well, in addition, perhaps, to one or two youngsters who have just left La Salle and St. Joseph's.

### A. R. Abbas' Return?

Perhaps the club that is least affected is Indian Recreation Club. It is understood that, in addition to having their team of last season intact, A. R. Abbas is coming back to the fold. He was one of their more promising all-rounders until he decided to give cricket a rest a couple of seasons ago, and, although it was at one time rumoured that he had "packed up all sport," his appearance in baseball games this summer has given cause for the belief that he will return to cricket again this winter.

A Los Angeles promoter telegraphed Johnny Ray an offer of \$50,000 for Billy Conn to fight there if he won the heavyweight championship from Joe Louis. "If we win," replied Ray, "we're not interested in \$50,000. If we lose, we can't get it."

## MINOR H.K.C.C. CHANGES

Hong Kong Cricket Club are making only one change in their Second Division team for their League Lawn Bowls match this week against Kowloon Football Club, this being in Brown's rink, where Hospes replaces Harper at No. 2.

In Third Division Doughty, No. 3 to Abraham last week, goes to No. 2 in Cassidy's rink, his place in Abraham's rink being taken by Nissim. McKellar will have Lacon and Young as Nos. 1 and 2 respectively in place of Young and Pudney.

### H.K.F.C. Alterations

Hong Kong Football Club are making a few changes in their Second Division team for their match against Prison Officers' Club this week at Happy Valley. Robertson's rink is unchanged, and in Macfarlane's four Needham replaces J. D. Thomson at No. 3, the latter going No. 2 to Gill in place of Gratton, while Coleman will be lead in this rink instead of Pearce.

Their Third Division team have drawn a bye this week but will be playing a friendly match against Kowloon Cricket Club on their own green.

### Selected Teams

Following are the selected teams:

**HONG KONG C.C.**  
Second Division (v Kowloon F.C. away):—S. L. Lloyd, J. G. Haigh, H. G. Wallington and G. E. Costello (skip); G. G. Atkinson, T. R. Rowell, P. J. A. Hamilton and F. Goodwin (skip); R. R. Davies, E. Hospes, R. A. Edwards and A. W. Brown (skip).  
Third Division (v Kowloon B.C.C. home):—H. H. Beddow, L. E. N. Ryan, A. Nissim and E. S. Abraham (skip); H. P. Shields, E. S. Doughty, T. C. Monaghan and P. S. Cassidy (skip); B. J. Lacon, R. Young, A. S. Mitchell and A. McKellar (skip).

**HONG KONG F.C.**  
Second Division (v Prison O.C. home):—A. B. Coleman, J. D. Thomson, J. A. R. Selby and W. Gill (skip); A. Watson, J. H. Gelling, C. F. Needham and W. Macfarlane (skip); R. P. Shaw, C. B. Robertson, A. Brooksbank and K. S. Robertson (skip).  
Third Division (v Friendly (v Kowloon C.C. home):—T. H. Pearce, B. I. Blackford, G. E. Stephens and B. A. Mansell (skip); C. Carr, A. Gratton, K. Forrow and G. S. Graver (skip); A. Bailey, J. Russell, S. H. Strange and J. Rutston (skip).

## SOUTH AFRICAN ARMY RUGBY TEAM ON TOUR

The Army's Sporting Ambassador is the title given by Field Marshal Jan Smuts, Prime Minister, to the South African Army Rugby football team which is now on an eight weeks' tour of South Africa, including numerous remote districts and large towns. The main idea is to make even backveld areas Army-conscious.

The team includes the cream of players in the South African Rugby, which is South Africa's national game, and Field Marshal Smuts

has blessed the tour in a special message to the Union's sportsman and sportswomen.

The strength of the side, including internationals and leading provincial and club players, is likely to fire imagination as effectively as any tanks or gun going on a recruiting tour, especially as the men will explain life and work in the Army, apart from showing the Army at play. Major Craven, director of Army physical training, is managing the side.



## C.R.C. WELL BEATEN ON OWN COURTS

ALL MATCHES IN YESTERDAY'S THIRD DIVISION LAWN TENNIS PROGRAMME WERE PLAYED AND RESULTED IN ALL THE LEADING TEAMS WINNING COMFORTABLY. THE OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE WAS BY C. WEI AND H. CHUNG, OF CHINESE RECREATION CLUB, WHO WON THE ONLY THREE SETS OBTAINED BY THEIR CLUB AGAINST CRAIGENGOWER CRICKET CLUB.

### Army Win Easily

At Sookunpoo, Army Tennis Club beat Indian Recreation Club by 8½ sets to ½ set.  
S/Sgt. Emberson and S/Sgt. Duffield (A.T.C.)  
beat M. P. Madar and M. Hassan 6-0  
beat A. M. Rurnjahn and I. Kitchell 7-5  
beat A. Rahmin and M. Hussain 6-0  
Sgt. Webb and Sgt. Denyer (A.T.C.)  
beat Madar and Hassan 6-3  
beat Rurnjahn and Kitchell 6-2  
beat Rahmin and Hussain 6-0  
S/Sgt. Megson and Sgt. Murray (A.T.C.)  
beat Madar and Hassan 6-2  
drew with Rurnjahn and Kitchell 6-6  
beat Rahmin and Hussain 6-1

### Points For C.C.C.

At Causeway Bay, Chinese Recreation Club (1) lost to Craigengower Cricket Club by 3 sets to 6.  
C. Wei and H. Chung (C.R.C.)  
beat W. J. Howard and K. L. Woo 6-1  
beat Y. H. Leung and S. Lee 6-4  
beat J. W. Leonard and H. K. Li 6-2  
H. N. Chau and N. C. Tang (C.R.C.)  
lost to Howard and Woo 2-6  
lost to Leung and Lee 2-6  
lost to Leonard and Lee 1-6  
K. N. Lee and K. F. Fung (C.R.C.)  
lost to Howard and Woo 1-6  
lost to Leung and Lee 2-6  
lost to Leonard and Li 0-6

### C.R.C.'s Easy Match

At Cox's Road yesterday, Chinese Recreation Club (2) beat Kowloon Cricket Club by 8 sets to 1.  
D. Hazell and R. O. Bakar (K.C.C.)  
lost to F. F. Choy and K. C. Ng 5-7  
lost to F. K. Lau and M. C. Lau 3-6  
beat L. F. Hon and C. W. Tsui 6-4  
A. Gillard and R. Kloss (K.C.C.)  
lost to Choy and Ng 4-6  
lost to Lau and Lau 3-6  
lost to Hon and Tsui 0-6  
N. Bebbington and W. Liwellyn (K.C.C.)  
lost to Choy and Ng 5-7  
lost to Lau and Lau 1-6  
lost to Hon and Tsui 3-6

### Kowloon Indians Win

Playing at home yesterday, Kowloon Tong Garden City Association lost to Kowloon Indian Tennis Club by 6½ sets to 2½.  
L. Chen and D. Chen (K.T.G.C.A.)  
lost to S. A. Hussain and Dr. M. A. Khan 5-7  
drew with S. S. Hussain and Dr. S. A. Sepher 6-6  
beat Y. J. Khan and M. Ramzan 7-5  
A. H. Baato and S. T. Chan (K.T.G.C.A.)  
lost to Hussain and Khan 2-6  
lost to Hussain and Sepher 2-6  
beat Khan and Ramzan 6-3  
D. Kwok and E. Penn (K.T.G.C.A.)  
lost to Hussain and Khan 0-6  
lost to Hussain and Sepher 1-6  
lost to Khan and Ramzan 1-6

### Table To Date

|            | Sets | P. | W. | L. | D.  | F.  | A. | Pts |
|------------|------|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|-----|
| S.C.A.A.   | 8    | 8  | 0  | 0  | 65  | 17  | 10 |     |
| A.T.C.     | 7    | 0  | 1  | 0  | 49  | 14  | 12 |     |
| C.R.C. (2) | 8    | 0  | 2  | 0  | 51  | 21  | 12 |     |
| C.C.C.     | 6    | 5  | 1  | 0  | 32½ | 21½ | 10 |     |
| C.D.R.     | 6    | 4  | 2  | 0  | 32½ | 21½ | 8  |     |
| K.I.T.C.   | 6    | 4  | 2  | 0  | 32½ | 21½ | 8  |     |
| K.C.C.     | 7    | 2  | 5  | 0  | 17  | 46  | 4  |     |
| C.R.C. (1) | 4    | 1  | 3  | 0  | 15½ | 20½ | 2  |     |
| K.T.G.C.A. | 6    | 1  | 5  | 0  | 17  | 17  | 2  |     |
| H.K.U.T.C. | 7    | 1  | 6  | 0  | 20½ | 42½ | 2  |     |
| I.R.C.     | 8    | 0  | 8  | 0  | 13½ | 68½ | 0  |     |

### TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's programme of matches in Fourth Division of the Lawn Tennis League:  
P.O.R.C. (1) v S.C.A.A.  
C.B.A. v P.O.R.C. (2)  
I.R.C. v C.R.C.

Owing to Volunteer duties, Club de Recreio have decided not to run their annual lawn bowls tournament this year. It will be recalled that they had to cancel their competitions half-way through last season when it was found that the majority of those who had entered found it impossible to play on their ties.

Jim Ferrier, ex-Shanghai boy, former Australian champion and a finalist in the British Amateur Championship had a bad start in the recent American Open, but he managed a first round score of 71. In the second round he played a grand round of 71 in heavy weather, lightning, a cloud burst and a high wind making scoring difficult. On the third day he was suffering from a heavy cold and finished with rounds of 70 and 80. This gave him an aggregate of 304 and he finished 20th place, 20 strokes behind Craig.

## BRADY RETAINS TITLE

Jim Brady retained his title as British middleweight boxing champion in Glasgow on August 5, when he defeated Jackie Paterson on points.

Paterson was sent to the canvas for a count of nine in the first round, but fought on gamely till the end, although both his eyebrows were cut and blood was streaming down his face.

## NATIONAL U. CRACK UP IN LAST MINUTES

Two games were played yesterday in the Open Basketball League, when South China easily beat Trojans 61-13 and Chinese Y.M.C.A. beat National University 35-29.

National University held Chinese "Y" in the first half and for the greater part of the second period until the score was 26-2, but thereafter tired and Chinese "Y" won fairly comfortably.

Hong Kong Admiralty Clubs' Association are organising a ping pong tournament for members and a large entry is expected as the two tables in the Association's club-room are always in great demand. There has been some talk about an inter-departmental competition, too, and this should prove very interesting as the Association's leading players are fairly evenly distributed between the various offices.

The monthly meeting of the Council of Hong Kong Football Association will be held this afternoon in the Association's offices at 5.30 p.m.

Scorers were:—  
Trojans:—H. O. Osmund (7), Poong Kwong-yin (6).  
South China:—Ng Shun-chiu (10), Chung Ling (10), Shek Chun-tat (12), Yip Ching-keo (12), Lee Tin-lee (8) and Ho Hing-sai (9).  
National University:—Chan Sun-kau (8), Chan Sub-luk (12), Yu Sul-yum (4), Ip Fai-lung (5).  
Chinese, "Y":—Pun Kwok-ling (4), Chan Wah-hei (2), Mi Fik-kee (3), Wong Wal-cheung (4), Chan Kang-yu (5), Luk Tak-cheung (6) and So Pak-fai (11).

### Table To Date

|                     | P. | W. | L. | Pts. |
|---------------------|----|----|----|------|
| South China         | 3  | 3  | 0  | 6    |
| Chinese Y.M.C.A.    | 3  | 3  | 0  | 6    |
| National University | 3  | 2  | 1  | 4    |
| Wah Kiu             | 2  | 2  | 0  | 4    |
| Residents' Union    | 3  | 2  | 1  | 4    |
| Black Cats          | 2  | 1  | 1  | 2    |
| Youths              | 2  | 1  | 1  | 2    |
| Sing Tao            | 2  | 1  | 1  | 2    |
| Indian Police       | 3  | 1  | 2  | 2    |
| Yu Leung            | 1  | 0  | 1  | 0    |
| V.R.C.              | 1  | 0  | 1  | 0    |
| Bank Union          | 2  | 0  | 2  | 0    |
| Trojans             | 3  | 0  | 3  | 0    |
| Ping Ching          | 3  | 0  | 3  | 0    |

## 12TH BATTERY, R.A. HEAD TENNIS TABLE

At Sookunpoo, 12th Battery, R.A., beat 5th A.A. Regiment R.A., by 3 points to nil in "B" Division of Army Tennis League.  
Sgt. Simpson and Bdr. Mew (5th A.A.) lost to Capt. Allison and Lieut. Matthews, 5-7, 5-7.  
Bdr. Piggan and Bdr. Savage (5th A.A.) lost to Sgt. Freor and Gnr. Robertson, 4-6, 5-7.  
Cpl. Pike and Gnr. Martin (5th A.A.) lost to L/Bdr. Parnell and Gnr. Roche, 6-0, 6-0.

36th Battery, R.A., received a walk-over from 24th Battery, R.A., in the same division.

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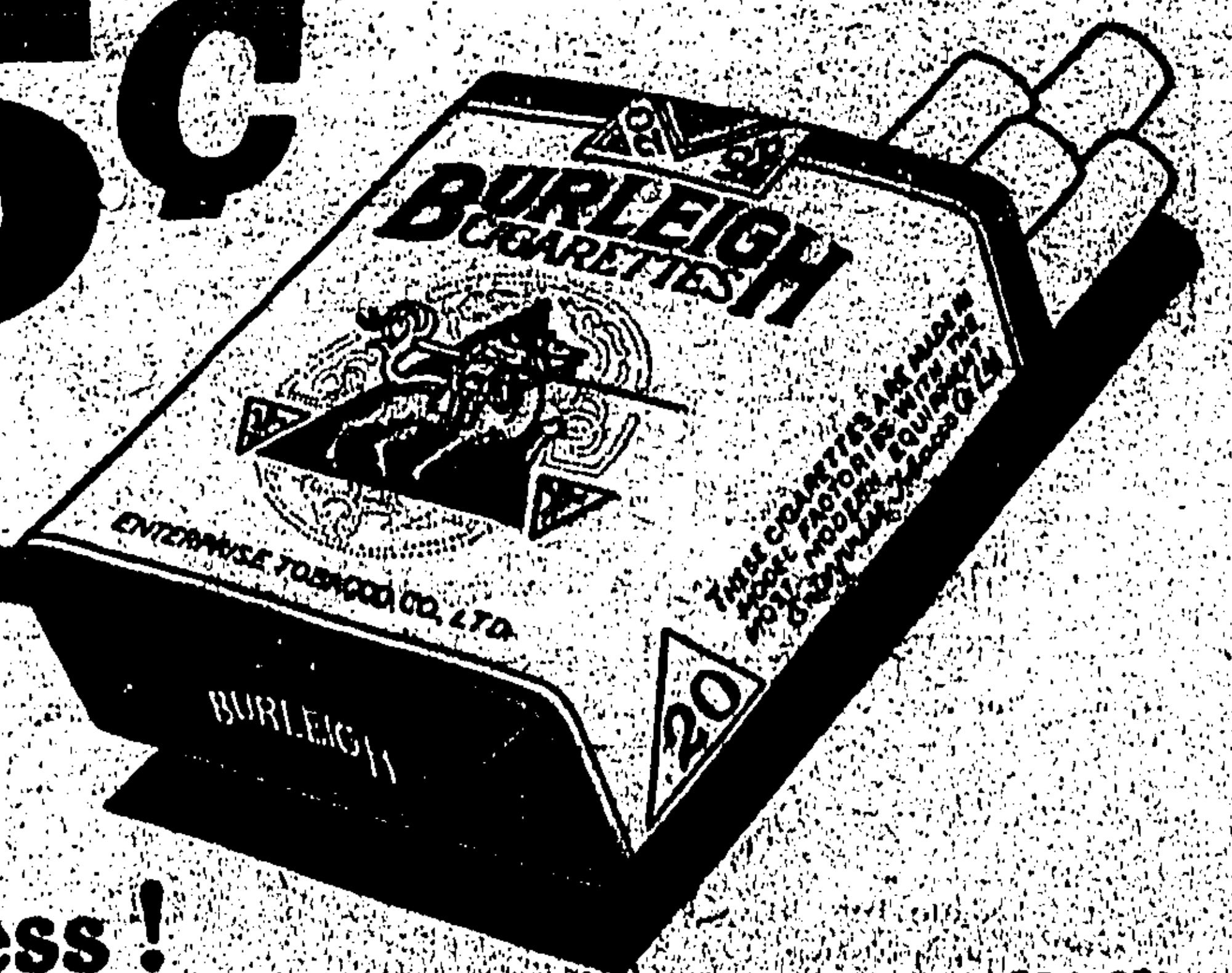
|                | P. | W. | L. | Pts. |
|----------------|----|----|----|------|
| 12th R.A.      | 33 | 30 | 3  | 30   |
| Royal Scots    | 33 | 29 | 4  | 29   |
| R.A.M.C. "A"   | 30 | 24 | 6  | 24   |
| R.A.M.C. "B"   | 33 | 24 | 9  | 24   |
| 36th R.A.      | 36 | 24 | 12 | 24   |
| R.A.O.C.       | 33 | 18 | 15 | 18   |
| 5th A.A., R.A. | 33 | 15 | 18 | 15   |
| R.E.           | 33 | 14 | 19 | 14   |
| Middlesex      | 27 | 12 | 15 | 12   |
| R. Signals     | 30 | 12 | 18 | 12   |
| 24th R.A.      | 36 | 12 | 24 | 12   |
| R.A.S.C.       | 27 | 6  | 21 | 6    |
| 96th R.A.      | 36 | 6  | 30 | 6    |
| R.A.P.C.       | 33 | 3  | 30 | 3    |

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## Vast Troop Convoys Get Through To Malaya

### D'AGUILAR CRASH VICTIMS

L. I. Bdr. Harry William Buckingham, First Battery, Corps Artillery, H.K.V.D.C., is still in a dangerous condition, it was learned this morning.

Most of the injured men have been discharged from hospital those still detained being H. G. Lander, D. H. C. Taylor, W. N. Brown, W. P. Clemow, F. T. Henningsen and N. F. Tucker.

### MINISTER TO THAILAND RESIGNS

THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. CORDELL HULL, YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED THE RESIGNATION OF MR. HUGH G. GRANT, MINISTER TO THAILAND.

Mr. Hull said Mr. Grant's resignation was submitted some time ago but had just been accepted. It was not connected with current Pacific developments.—Reuter.

## British Control Of The Seas

THE SAFE ARRIVAL of all convoys in the Far East during the past few months, without the loss of a single officer or airman by enemy action, was announced by the Air Ministry News Service in London yesterday.

This is a great tribute to the vigilance and efficiency of the escorting warships and aircraft which passed on the convoys one to the other throughout the 10,000-mile journey.

The convoys carried many thousands to swell the ranks of the R.A.F. in the Far East.

The voyage from a northern port in Britain of one liner and its arrival in Singapore a few days ago with a large number of officers and men was typical of the many voyages this year by other convoys.

It was the second liner to arrive in Singapore during the last fortnight.

### Not A Smell

"We haven't had a smell of a U-boat or Condor," (German long-range monoplane), was the comment of one officer on arrival.

"Of course we had warships mothering us the whole time and in some areas of the route we were continuously protected from air attack or lurking submarines by escorting Blenheims, Hudsons or Sunderlands."

"In fact," the officer continued, "the journey was so peaceful and comfortable that we might have been travelling in

pre-war days for although the voyage was long and rather tedious, especially in the tropics, it was a comfortable voyage and entirely without incident."

### New Aerodromes

These officers and airmen are not replacing others going home at the end of their term of duty, but are reinforcements needed to staff new aerodromes now in operation in Malaya and Burma.

Most of these men come from important bomber, fighter and coastal stations in Britain and all have first-hand experience of day and night air war. Their knowledge of active war is an immense help to those with whom they are now working.—Reuter.

## Pacific War Games

The biggest war exercise in the history of the American West Coast began at dawn yesterday when a mythical invading fleet was sighted by the Los Angeles Coastguard.

There had been two days of "war of nerves" while the attackers feinted, obviously with the intention of spreading out the defenders.

Big guns at Fort Worden opened fire but umpires ruled the fort destroyed after 16 minutes.

The imaginary fleet continued down the Sound to Seattle.

The huge McChord airfield and half the defending air force was judged destroyed.—Reuter.

### AUSTRALIA'S AIRCRAFT OUTPUT

Senator J. W. Leckie, Australian Minister of Aircraft Production stated yesterday that Australia would produce planes worth £20 millions in 1942 compared with £7 millions in 1941.

They will be of all types from trainers to modern bombers.

Mr. Leckie added that Beauforts would soon be coming off the production line at a steady rate.—Reuter.

### AMERICAN STRIKE PROBLEM

Expressing grave concern with last week's increase in strikes at plants holding Army contracts, U.S. War Department officials said yesterday 30 strikes were reported up to Tuesday involving 23,400 men compared with 14,000 a week ago.—Reuter.

### ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced of Cyril Albert, son of the late Mr. E. A. Sills and Mrs. Sills of Twickenham, Middlesex, to Evelyn May (Robin), elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Summers of Hong Kong.

## STOP PRESS

The highest German representatives in Tokyo are telling Japan that Russia's Siberian army is a mere mob of untrained irregulars, according to three articles concluded in the Tokyo "Kokumin Shimbun" to-day.

The series consisted of a round-table talk between the Japanese political leader Tyutaro Nagai, Major-General Ott, the German Ambassador, and the German military attaché.

In this the Ambassador asserted that the present campaign against the Soviet Union fulfils all the aims of the tripartite alliance.

With angelic harmony the conferees agreed that a Soviet collapse was inevitable, that the United States was hypocritical in supporting "dictatorship" while hiding the truth from its own people and that the American action in Iceland was prompted only by greed for more territory.—Reuter.

BY ESTIMATING AT 300,000 THE NUMBER OF THE PRAETORIAN GUARD WHO "SHARED IN ALL THE CRIMES OF HITLER'S GANG," M. LOZOVSKY, SOVIET VICE-COMMISSAR FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, YESTERDAY LAID DOWN AN IMPORTANT PRINCIPLE FOR POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION AND SETTLEMENT OF ACCOUNTS WITH HITLER GERMAN.

This figure does not imply there are not many others guilty of active cooperation in Hitler's worst outrages but the extermination of the S.S. men — the backbone of the Gestapo and the concentration camp system and Hitler fanaticism — is a preliminary for reasonable talks with the German people.

Illustrating the point, M. Lozovsky said that when a German bomber crashed near Moscow and the crew of four were captured, three, with characteristic opportunism, denounced that fourth as an S.S. man, thus implying they deserved less harsh treatment.—Reuter.

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## HITLER FAILS COMPLETELY

### All German Offensives Checked

#### JAPAN AND AID TO RUSSIA

Commenting on Anglo-American assistance to Russia, the "Asahi Shimbun" says that Japan is "interested up to a certain point," indicating that the Government would much rather say nothing on this subject at this time.

The issue was raised at the press conference in view of the Japanese press avoidance of it, although American shipments are reported to be en route to Vladivostok.

The spokesman's disclaimer of any official attitude was confused by other statements indicating that Japan would be embarrassed by aid via Vladivostok.

Since Japan does not have any strong grounds for objections, it is believed that the issue may be left in the background unless unduly stirred up abroad.—Reuter.

#### MR. ATTLEE TO MAKE IMPORTANT BROADCAST

Mr. C. R. Attlee, Lord Privy Seal and Deputy Prime Minister, will broadcast through all stations of the B.B.C. an important announcement on behalf of the Government at 2 p.m. (G.M.T.) to-day (Thursday), says Reuter from London.

Mr. Attlee's announcement will be relayed by Z.B.W. at 11 p.m. (H.K. Time).

## Threat To Odessa Fizzles Out

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

**GERMANY'S SIX-PRONGED OFFENSIVE HAS FAILED COMPLETELY AND THE NAZI ONSLAUGHTS HAVE BEEN STOPPED IN THE LAST 24 HOURS, ANNOUNCES A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE RED ARMY IN MOSCOW.**

The German thrusts fizzled out, according to the communique, when 7,500 crack Nazi troops were killed and wounded.

The Soviet communique claims that the Nazi offensives from the Finnish front to the Ukraine have been halted, "with the ground and air defences frustrating Luftwaffe attempts to raid Leningrad and Moscow."

A despatch from Stockholm, which appears to be German-inspired, reports that Odessa has fallen to the Germans. The report is based on an unconfirmed story appearing in the Stockholm press and should be treated with the greatest reserve, or, alternatively, flat disbelief.

In London, military quarters admitted that the German troops have been making progress in the Ukraine, though the drive now appears to have been stopped.

The Soviet position, in the Ukraine, these circles say, has "deteriorated" in the past week, but the situation has now been retrieved by the halting of the Nazi push.

The position round Odessa and Nikolayev has been "dangerous." It is estimated that the Nazis have already occupied territory equal to the whole of Germany.

#### Tallinn Situation

The position of the Soviets round Tallinn is not known, though German claims of success and the capture of the city are exaggerated. No direct Nazi threat to Leningrad has developed.

The Nazis speak of "a major debacle" overtaking Marshal Budenny's southern and western armies in the Ukraine and say the German forces are "rapidly tightening the noose around Odessa."

The Russians, according to Berlin, are already attempting another Dunkirk and the Russian Black Sea Fleet is alleged to be carrying out a mass military evacuation from Odessa.—International News Service.

#### JAPANESE FREEZING ORDER

Simultaneously with the exemption of Dutch diplomatic and consular officials from the freezing regulations, the Finance Ministry in Tokyo to-day is gazetted the addition of Uganda and Kenya to the list of designated nations and territories subject to the freezing order.—Reuter.

## THOUSAND PLANES IN RAID

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was stated in London yesterday that 1,000 British planes took part in Tuesday's R.A.F. raids on Germany and France, in the course of which Cologne was raided by day.

The largest number of bombers ever used, including American Flying Fortresses, were hurled into action.

Messerschmitt interceptors were unable to reach the stratosphere Flying Fortresses.—International News Service.

## VICHY-AMERICAN RELATIONS NEAR BREAKING POINT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

WITH FRENCH-AMERICAN diplomatic relations strained to breaking point it was learned in Washington yesterday that the United States is considering the cancellation of trade arrangements with the French North African colonies.

Under the agreements the United States permitted the shipment of necessities, including oil.

#### 8-HOUR DAY SUSPENDED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, IN AN EXECUTIVE ORDER YESTERDAY, SUSPENDED THE EIGHT-HOUR DAY FOR MECHANICS AND LABOURERS EMPLOYED IN ARMY DEFENCE WORKS.

The suspension applies to workers at army airfields, barracks and fortifications.

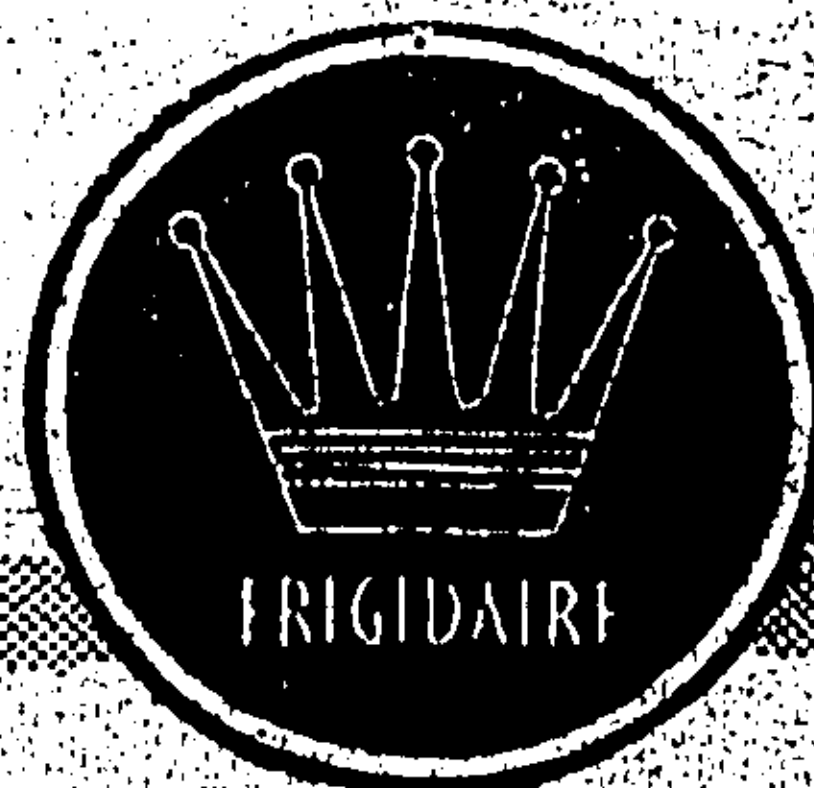
The White House announced the order was issued owing to the necessity of completing all military projects as soon as possible.—International News Service.

It is believed in Washington that General Weyand acquiesced in the new collaboration with the Axis.

In Berlin yesterday, Nazi circles charged the United States with planning to seize Martinique on the plea that French collaboration with the Axis constitutes a threat to the western hemisphere.

THE NAZIS SAY THAT FRANCE AND THE AXIS TOGETHER WILL REJECT AN Anglo-American INTERFERENCE IN EUROPE.

In Washington, the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, commenting on the Axis allegation regarding Martinique, said German rumour was the only basis of the report.—International News Service.



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# Darlan Dictatorship Hands Vichy France Over To Axis

## PETAIN BETRAYS THE MOTIVE

THE FOLLOWING official comment was made in London yesterday on Marshal Petain's broadcast, in which the French leader announced dictatorial powers for Admiral Darlan.

"Marshal Petain's speech betrays in unmistakable terms the utmost anxiety on the part of the Vichy Government in regard to the internal conditions of France.

"The long and abject record of dishonour and surrender of this Government has, beyond any doubt, reduced its prestige and popularity with the French people to vanishing point and has brought about a state of affairs in which the people are turning with growing hope towards Britain and the Allies and ardently desire an Allied victory.

"The Government has accordingly taken to itself the widest dictatorial powers and has placed those powers in the hands of Darlan who will thus be placed in the strongest possible position to force upon the French people those measures of further surrender and further collaboration with the Axis which he has in mind and which it would otherwise be impossible for him to foist upon his compatriots.

### Alliance With Axis

"The form of government envisaged for France in Marshal Petain's speech is not only designed for the purpose of subjugating and silencing the French people and enforcing upon them a policy which they detest.

"IT IS ALSO DESIGNED WITH THE VIEW OF IMITATING THOSE FORMS OF GOVERNMENT WHICH ALREADY OBTAIN IN GERMANY AND ITALY, THEREBY UNDERLINING THE DETERMINATION OF THE VICHY GOVERNMENT TO ALLY ITSELF MORE CLOSELY THAN EVER WITH THE AXIS.

"The fate of such a form of government, lacking any measure of spontaneous popular support in the country upon which it is imposed, is not likely to be a happy one."—Reuter.

## SHIPPING BLACK-LIST

THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC WARFARE GIVE NOTICE THAT "ANY VESSEL CARRYING GOODS DESTINED FOR EUROPE FOR TRANSHIPMENT ONTO ENEMY SHIPS IN SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS WILL BE LIABLE TO BE PLACED ON THE SHIPS STATUTORY LIST."

This order is complementary to the order of June 16 which provided that ships taking cargoes off enemy ships for transshipment to South American ports were liable to be placed on the statutory list.

Placing of a ship on this list means that it is regarded as an enemy ship with which no British trader may have any dealings and that it is liable to seizure as a prize. — British Wireless.

### AMERICAN STRIKE PROBLEM

Expressing grave concern with last week's increase in strikes at plants holding Army contracts, U.S. War Department officials said yesterday 80 strikes were reported up to Tuesday, involving 23,400 men compared with 14,000 a week ago. — Reuter.

## German Fear Of France

German fear of propaganda in France is shown by the manner in which the Vichy correspondent of the official German news agency refers to the decisions announced in the Petain broadcast.

Referring to the establishment of a new General Secretariat for information and propaganda, the correspondent says: "This is regarded in well-informed circles as instrumental for putting an end to every form of private propaganda activity.

"All further information services in the country will be directed by the Government. The dislocation of organisations which have hitherto carried on private propaganda activity by circulating leaflets and other material, is part of the action taken by the Government to suppress such propaganda centres."—Reuter.

## FORTIFIED COAST

By A. London, Correspondent.

A year after Dunkirk, while the Russo-German clash holds world-wide attention, Britain is still fortifying her already steel-girt coastline with new guns and thicker steel barricades above tide level.

More and more concrete blocks are being set above the beaches, and barbed-wire entanglements are being added to Britain's mighty armed wall, which appears to be impossible for any invader to break by landing from the sea.

Last week I lived for four days with the batteries along the coast of East Anglia, where Britain's forces, when forced out of Europe, built up bastions against Germany.

Defences were placed in hurriedly under pressure of the crisis, and ammunition for guns, which was then so lamentably short, was rationed out.

At the batteries, I saw the magazines fully stocked, the guns in better positions, and the shore defences perfected, while well-trained soldiers tend the batteries and keep up ceaseless watch across "No-Man's-Land."

The gun-houses contain a declaration that "this battery will never retire."

Several gunners told me: "We will fight to the death, firing our guns until the ammunition has gone, and then we'll go on fighting with bayonets and fists."

## GERMAN RAILWAYS STRAINED

REPORTS REACHING CZECHOSLOVAK CIRCLES IN LONDON, SUGGEST THAT THE TRANSPORT DIFFICULTIES WHICH ARE FACING GERMANY ARE SERIOUSLY AFFECTING THE ECONOMIC ADVANTAGES WHICH SHE HOPED TO DERIVE FROM THE CONQUEST OF THE BALKANS.

There are many signs that goods traffic on German railways in general has been gravely disorganised by the strain put on them by the Eastern campaign and by bombings.

Transport of goods from Vesitz to Dresden—a distance of 250 miles—now takes a month, as against two days before the war.

At present the Nazis do not dare to send goods from the south-east via Bohemia for fear of sabotage there, and all traffic is diverted, thus slowing it down even more.

For goods sent to Germany from Bohemia and the Balkans, railway trucks of the respective despatching countries only may be used, the German railways having no trucks to spare.—British Wireless.

## VICHY DENIES IMPLICATION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Vichy official sources yesterday termed as "a complete misrepresentation" any interpretation of Marshal Petain's speech as being a pledge of French aid to the Axis against Russia.—International News Service.

## SIR HUGHES GIVES A PARTY

Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen, British Ambassador to Turkey, entertained Dr. Sarajoglu, Turkish Foreign Minister, and four other Cabinet Ministers last night, according to a Reuter message from Ankara.

## VICHY TURNING BACK ON THE UNITED STATES

"TURNING ITS BACK on the United States, Vichy has still further accentuated its submission to the Axis," says a leading article in "France," the independent Free French newspaper published in London.

"It is for the Governments in London and Washington to draw the obvious conclusions and take the necessary precautions."

For a fortnight, the writer says, Darlan has been subjected to a double assault. On the one hand from Paris, where Nazi journalists accused him of showing insufficient zeal for "defence" of the Empire and of hesitation in demanding German aid for the defence of Africa.

On the other hand, adds the leader, the revolt of French public opinion has increased.

Exasperated by the Syrian affair, then by the abandonment of "our finest colony (Indo-China)," the French in these past weeks, despite censorship, prisons and direct attacks, have found means to express their anger and disdain.

Darlan, however, was not in a position to hesitate. No attempt at resistance would have been sufficient to ingratiate him with French public opinion which has always ranked him with the Quislings.

### Loves Power

Resistance for him—supposing he even had such a wish—would have meant resignation. And Darlan loves nothing so much as power.

It is to power that he has hitherto sacrificed his country. He stays.

WHETHER GENERAL WEYGAND ATTEMPTED OR NOT TO OPPOSE THIS NEW GAME IS OF LITTLE IMPORTANCE.

Having consented some days ago to be placed under the orders of Darlan, whom he hates, General Weygand has hastened to pay tribute to the regime and to Hitlerite methods which he has held

### Severe Indictment

Commenting on the speech made by Marshal Petain, Free French Headquarters in London consider that it constituted the most severe indictment which so far has been brought against the armistice government and was a striking tribute to the French people's determination to resist.

It shed, they say, tragic light on the ever-widening breach which separates Vichy from the nation and is a confession of complete failure.

The Marshal had explicitly recognised that the policy followed by his Government was a challenge to the feelings of that nation and that opposition was already increasing among all classes of the population.

He had voiced his determination to overcome this opposition by every means in his power.

The goal was clearly indicated. It was to oblige France to take part, in spite of herself, in the new order, that is to accept, for ever the regime of misery and servitude to which she had been subjected since the capitulation.

The eyes of the people had been opened. They knew that henceforward it is Hitler who speaks through the lips of the aged Marshal. — British Wireless.

## CATALINA PATROL IN THE EAST

AMERICAN BUILT CATALINA FLYINGBOATS, WHICH HAVE BEEN ARRIVING ACROSS THE PACIFIC FROM THE UNITED STATES IN A STEADY STREAM IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS, NOW "COVER THE WATERFRONT" FROM THE ARABIAN SEA TO WELL SOUTH OF THE EQUATOR AND FROM THE CHINA SEAS NEARLY TO AFRICA, SAYS THE AIR MINISTRY NEWS SERVICE.

Operating from bases in Malaya and Ceylon, they have already, since their arrival in the Far East, flown on patrol a distance equal to about six times round the world.

Their task is to keep a ceaseless watch for raiders and submarines, and the deterrent effect of their presence is shown by the decline in enemy activity in this theatre of war.

They are also called on to escort convoys, act as long-range bombers, undertake route patrols and anti-submarine reconnaissance.

One Catalina patrolled the Indian Ocean 18½ hours before returning to base.—Reuter.

## IMPERIAL STRATEGY

It is essential for Australia to have permanent representation in the London Cabinet because her future, as never before, depends on Imperial policy and strategy, said Sir Earle Page, Minister of Commerce, in a statement in Sydney yesterday.

The disposition of the Empire's forces is of supreme importance to her security, he added.

Her voice in London must be authoritative but at the same time the Government must be carried on in Australia.

Proposals which the Premier, Mr. Menzies, was submitting to Parliament would remove doubts on that score. Mr. Menzies was the best man to represent Australia.

Much depended on Australia showing a bold and united front when Parliament meets.

The psychological effect of a demonstration of national solidarity would be immense, he concluded.—Reuter.

## WAR EFFORT OF DUTCH OVERSEAS

Free Dutch people living in more than 40 countries have been contributing an average of one million guilders (£130,000) per month during the past year to the General War Weapons Fund. Prince Bernhard, giving this news in a broadcast on Radio Orange from England, added that the money of the Fund had so far provided 32 bombers, 80 fighters and three night fighters for the Allied air forces.—British Wireless.



# ALLIED GUARANTEE TO TURKEY

## Re-Affirmation Of Alliance

### Dramatic Turn In International Situation

BRITAIN AND RUSSIA HAVE PROMISED FULL AID TO TURKEY IF SHE IS ATTACKED BY A EUROPEAN POWER, WRITES REUTER'S DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT.

### SEVERE BLOW TO AXIS INTRIGUE

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

The Anglo-Soviet declaration to Turkey is a severe blow to German intrigues and hopes in the Near East.

Its importance lies in the fact that not merely have Great Britain and Soviet Russia jointly undertaken to help Turkey against any attack by the Axis, but that Turkey has accepted and warmly welcomed this guarantee.

It not only amounts to a renewal of the Turko-British Treaty, but is virtually a re-insurance with the endorsement of the Soviet.

Thus, instead of inducing Turkey to denounce her mutual obligations with Great Britain, Germany, in spite of all her pressure and propaganda, sees these obligations reaffirmed by Great Britain, supported by Soviet Russia and accepted with appreciation by Turkey.

#### Only The Beginning

The Anglo-Russian declarations give the lie in the most effective and emphatic manner to the German insinuations with regard to Russian designs on the Dardanelles by which Germany has attempted to poison relations not only between Turkey and Russia, but also between Turkey and Great Britain as well.

They constitute a striking example of the intimate collaboration between the two countries and prepare the way for even closer relations with Turkey.

The present step is only the beginning. It is also indicative of the new spirit governing Russian foreign policy which has recently been manifested in the Russo-Polish pact, in the agreement with the Czech Government, and in the promises of Soviet support and the equal collaboration with all independent nations resisting Hitlerite aggression.—Reuter.

### SEEING THE JOB THROUGH

The New Zealand Prime Minister visited a fighter squadron of the Royal New Zealand Air Force yesterday.

He suggested that some of the men, who have been flying almost daily and who have won great distinction, should return to New Zealand to increase the morale of young men being trained for the New Zealand Air Force.

A Flight-Lieut. replied to this suggestion: "All the chaps here want to see this job through." The squadron includes a man who has been shot down eight

This latest dramatic turn in the international situation was made known on Tuesday night with the announcement that declarations in identical terms had been presented by both countries to the Turkish Foreign Office.

The declarations made it clear that both Britain and Russia remain faithful to the Montreux Convention and have no aggressive intentions or claims regarding the Straits.

At various periods during this war Turkey has been subjected to some pressure by other nations which, if it had succeeded, would cut across her understandings with Britain.

At every juncture, however, Turkey reasserted her loyalty to all her obligations to Britain and her Allies and even when she signed the trade agreement with Germany some months ago she made it clear it had no effect upon her treaty with Britain.

Many attempts have been made in German and Italian propaganda drives to separate Turkey from Britain but none has succeeded in providing the desired wedge.

#### Friend And Ally

"Turkey is our friend and ally. The Turkish Government have kept us fully informed of the progress of the recent negotiations with the German Government," declared Mr. Eden in Parliament last June.

Only last week again in the Commons Mr. Eden reaffirmed Britain's friendship with Turkey and repudiated a suggestion of enemy origin that we might make some arrangement at Turkey's expense.

Britain, said Mr. Eden, would continue to observe loyally the Anglo-Turkish Treaty, believing the friendship between Britain and Turkey would be a lasting contribution to European understanding, both during and after the war.

#### Cyprus Meeting

Mr. Eden met Dr. Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, at Cyprus in March and the official report stated they "re-emphasised the complete identity of views which existed between their two Governments."

As recently as last month great pleasure was expressed in Turkey at the establishment of British military authority in Syria because it was said: "Turkey has become neighbours with their British ally."

The joint assurance that has now been given to Turkey is intended to dispel the effect of Axis propaganda and remove any least suspicion that Britain and Russia had come to any understanding or agreement at Turkey's expense.—Reuter.

#### 1939 Treaty Not Modified

The Anglo-Soviet declaration in no way modified the 1939 Treaty nor does it enlarge on the limits or obligations deriving from it, stated a letter handed to Dr. Sarajoglu, Turkish Foreign Minister, by the British Ambassador in Ankara yesterday.

The declaration is intended as a simple reiteration of the engagements towards Turkey contained in Article One of the Pact of October, 1939.—Reuter.

times, who has won the D.F.C. and has destroyed about 20 enemy planes.—British Wire.

### SILENCING 'PLANE PROPELLERS

Harry Kersten, 41, a habitual criminal with four convictions on his record and an untried robbery charge against him, was freed on a bond in order to work on an invention for silencing aeroplane propellers.

The California Institute of Technology scientists and the chief test pilot of the Vultee Aircraft Company had told the authorities that Kersten's idea was sound, and a laboratory has been provided for his experiments.

Kersten believes that the silencing should be at the hub instead of at the blades, and while he was serving a three-year sentence in the Folsom Prison he made a model of a silent hub which he submitted to the Government.

He said he would require six weeks to make another model for scientific tests.

The District Attorney, who vouched for the release of Kersten, said the invention, if it worked out, "would be a tremendous aid in national defence," enabling the silencing of aeroplanes in an attack with their presence untraced by detectors.

Kersten was facing life imprisonment for habitual criminality.

### CLOSING LEAK IN FREEZE

The Government of India have taken steps to close a leak in the recent Japanese freezing orders to which attention had been drawn.

No goods imported from the Japanese Empire or China shall be cleared whether they are for home consumption or for shipment to a foreign port unless the Customs are satisfied that the whole carriage insurance freight value, excepting such part thereof as has been paid before July 26, has been paid into a blocked account or the owner produces an order from the Government of India permitting clearance.

The prohibition does not apply to goods imported from China by land to Burma and thence by sea or land to India.—Reuter.

### ANTI-SABOTAGE BILL SIGNED

President Roosevelt has signed the Bill authorising the creation of a special protection force to guard naval establishments from sabotage, espionage and other subversive activities.—Reuter.

### GERMANS BROKEN AGAINST A WALL

"The Russian armies are not yet out of the game although weeks ago Berlin declared that organised Soviet military formations no longer existed, that the roads to Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev were open and that huge breaches had been made in the Stalin Line."

This statement was made yesterday by the Stockholm newspaper "Handelsstidning."

"Fighting is still going on in the same area a month after this assertion was made," the paper continues.

"When the attacker reached the former Russian frontier he was met by a living wall of the Russians' massed armies."

"AGAINST THIS WALL THE GERMANS FLUNG COLUMN AFTER COLUMN WHICH WERE BROKEN INTO BLOODY SCRAPES OF HUMANITY A GAINST THE SOVIET BREAKWATER."

"No sign of the end of the slaughter is yet in view."—Reuter.

### DUFF-COOPER COOPER RETICENT

Mr. A. Duff-Cooper, who is on his way to the Far East for the War Cabinet, yesterday conferred in Washington with Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State.

Later, in an interview, Mr. Duff-Cooper said Britain was eager to collaborate with the United States on parallel lines throughout the world.

ONLY COMMENT HE WOULD MAKE ON THE FAR EAST TENSION WAS THAT THE BRITISH FELT JAPAN COULD NOT BE ALLOWED ENTIRELY TO HAVE HER OWN WAY IN THE PACIFIC.

Mr. Duff-Cooper had earlier attended a ceremony at which representatives of the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand formally exchanged ratification of treaties designed for the advancement of peace.

The treaties replace the Treaty with the British Empire of 1914. They provide separate commissions for the settlement of disputes instead of one commission of United States and Britain.

Though negotiated last year the treaties had not previously been formally ratified.—Reuter.

### TOBRUK BOMBED

Yesterday's British Middle East communique in Cairo stated that except for bombing raids by the enemy the situation at Tobruk on Tuesday was quiet.

In the frontier area our mechanised patrols sighted patrols of enemy armoured fighting vehicles which withdrew before they could be engaged.—Reuter.

The Hong Kong Branch of the Sino-British Cultural Association is giving a Farewell Luncheon to His Excellency Sir Geoffrey and Lady Northcote on Saturday, August 30, at the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.

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# NO MATERIAL CHANGE ON RUSSIA'S BATTLE FRONT

NO MATERIAL CHANGE has taken place in Russia's far-flung battle front, but the situation in the Ukraine has admittedly deteriorated in Southern Ukraine, writes "Annalist."

On all other sectors the grim struggle is continuing without any marked advantage for either side.

The only other progress claimed by Germany is north of Lake Pelpus where unconfirmed reports allege that they have reached the Baltic Sea, thus cutting off communications with Tallinn.

If true, this would mean that an important pocket of resistance was in being on their left flank, and would constitute a threat to their communications.

Tallinn itself is well defended, and with Hango, on the opposite side of the Gulf of Kronstadt, gives Russia complete command of those narrow waters. If Tallinn fell the position of Hango would also be seriously compromised.

## Improbable

There has been no change around Murmansk in the north, or Kiev in the south, but the German drive to cut off Odessa and Nicolaiev is making headway.

It is improbable, however, that the Germans have switched their main offensive in this direction. It is thought that they may be trying to curb Russian reinforcements in this region while they renew their real offensive against Moscow.

The Russians have probably not very large numbers of troops in this region because while they hold control of the Black Sea there would seem to be a likely prospect of the Germans pushing their advance too far to the East.

## Well Fortified

Odessa is believed to be well fortified, especially from the sea, and the Russian fleet is in supreme control of the Black Sea.

To sum up, the threat to Odessa seems closer to-day, but it should be realised that the German objective is not Odessa, but Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev. — Reuter.

## MOZAMBIQUE STORY DISCREDITED

THE PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR CALLED AT THE SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY IN MADRID YESTERDAY AND STRONGLY DENIED A REPORT IN THE SPANISH PRESS THAT SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE HAD CALLED ON GENERAL SMUTS OFFERING TO FORM A "FREE GOVERNMENT" IN THE COLONY AS SOON AS GENERAL SMUTS WISHED IT.

The Ambassador said the report was vulgar and fantastic and pointed out that never before had the bond between Portugal and her colonies been so close.

Following the Ambassador's call, last evening's Madrid papers gave prominence to his denial.

The message originally published, which gave rise to the denial, was an official Spanish news agency message from Lisbon, which alleged that the news was "of authoritative origin" and had been received from Pretoria. — Reuter.

## SURPRISE FOR MINER

A mining foki, Chan Yan, who went to a police station to make a complaint later found himself charged with assault, it was disclosed before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning.

Accused and a friend, both living at Ngataukok Village, had a quarrel on July 27. Two days later, the friend, Chan Lai-chun, and three other men met accused in the street and together they laid accused on the ground.

Accused, who had a bottle of corrosive fluid in his pocket, threw it and ran away.

Accused who went to Kowloon City Police Station to report, found his friend there and he himself to be charged.

Pleading guilty through his solicitor, Mr. Hin-shing Lo, accused was placed on a \$50 bond to keep the peace for one year.

# BURMA PREPARES METHODICALLY FOR ACTION

AS GATHERING war-clouds frown on Burma's neighbours, the Burmese people are grimly and methodically making preparations to resist any attack on their country.

"If the lives and happiness of 16,000,000 people are to be jeopardised by the lust for power, we will defend ourselves to the last man, and we are not alone," is the answer of the ordinary Burmese to potential threats from abroad.

This great Buddhist country of pagodas and paddy-lands has not known war for 63 years.

Claiming a religious kinship with other countries in the Far East, she realises that even religion would be endangered if her frontiers are violated by aggression.

For many months Burma has had to endure specious propaganda broadcast by interested countries but it has evoked only derision.

## Burma's Attitude

In the Burmese eyes those who break the law against killing and commit crimes against peaceful nations stand self-condemned.

Burma's attitude was typically illustrated by scenes witnessed by the Governor, Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith, on his recent tour when the chiefs of the frontier tribes renewed their pledge to die for the cause of liberty.

Fluttering Union Jacks and songs of martial valour were features of the enthusiastic welcome given to Sir Reginald. The tribes cheerfully accept the black-out and other restrictions and would, if required, furnish formidable guerilla units. — Reuter.

## PREMIER'S MIND "AJAR"

Mr. Churchill in the Commons told Miss Ward he did not think there were circumstances justifying the creation of a Ministry of Social Welfare for severely bombed areas.

Asked by Miss Ward if he would not close his mind to the suggestion in the forthcoming debate on civil defence, the Premier replied, amid laughter: "I will keep my mind ajar."

## BISHOP WILSON INDUCTED

The Very Reverend J. L. Wilson, formerly Dean of St. John's Cathedral in Hong Kong, was inducted as Bishop of Singapore at St. Andrew's Cathedral yesterday in an impressive ritual in which Chinese pastors participated. — Central News.

## AIRGRAPH LETTERS TO FORCES

THE QUEEN WILL INAUGURATE A NEW SERVICE OF AIRGRAPH LETTERS TO THE MIDDLE EAST FORCES BY SENDING A MESSAGE TO GENERAL SIR CLAUDE AUCHINCLOSS, THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, TO-MORROW.

The Postmaster-General and the War Office announce that technical arrangements have now been completed for messages to be sent on and after Friday to the Middle East and East African forces and warships in the eastern Mediterranean, including Fleet auxiliaries and merchantmen requisitioned for naval and military service.

Postage will be 3d. and it is expected the letters will reach base in a fortnight. — Reuter.



## MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



# Australian War Cabinet Discusses Far East Situation

## DREDGING FOR COAL

ORGANISED DREDGING FOR COAL BY CHINESE FISHERMEN WAS DISCLOSED BY SERGEANT STEWART IN THE MARINE COURT THIS MORNING WHEN TWO MEN WERE CHARGED BEFORE COMMANDER J. JOLLY WITH DREDGING IN WANCHAI BAY YESTERDAY.

A large sample of the coal which the men raised from the bottom of the harbour was exhibited in Court.

One of the men had some 130 catties in his boat when arrested.

It was also revealed that this coal was priced at \$80 a ton.

Accused pleaded that they had no other means of livelihood. They were each fined \$7, or seven days' imprisonment.

THE AUSTRALIAN WAR CABINET YESTERDAY CONSIDERED MATTERS OF HIGH POLICY IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SERVICE CHIEFS.

They also further discussed the Far Eastern situation and later reviewed soldiers' pay. Mr. Spender, War Minister, announced allotments to dependents of missing soldiers would be payable for six months after soldiers are reported missing.

There was a wide discussion on procedure to implement the Cabinet's request that Mr. Menzies should proceed to London, and it is expected it will be further considered in the War Council meeting to-day.

It is probable also that a resolution will be submitted to both Houses of Parliament separately.

Support of a large majority of the Labour caucus is expected although interest at the moment is centred on the sessional party meetings.

### Labour Attitude

While the Labour Opposition leader, Mr. Curtin, has not yet committed himself on the proposal that Mr. Menzies should go to London for war consultation, his deputy leader, Mr. Forde, and the former Federal High Court Judge, Mr. Evatt, announce their opposition to Mr. Menzies' departure for London.

Their opposition is based on the grounds that Mr. Menzies' place is in Australia at this critical time.

Several New South Wales members of the Federal Parliament also oppose the proposal.—Reuter.

## MINEFIELD INCIDENT FINE

A fine of \$50, or a month's hard labour, for anchoring in the Tathong Channel Minefield was imposed on Lee Fat-wah by Commander J. Jolly in the Marine Court this morning.

Accused's brother, described as "stooge," was discharged yesterday when charged with the offence.

## STEEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

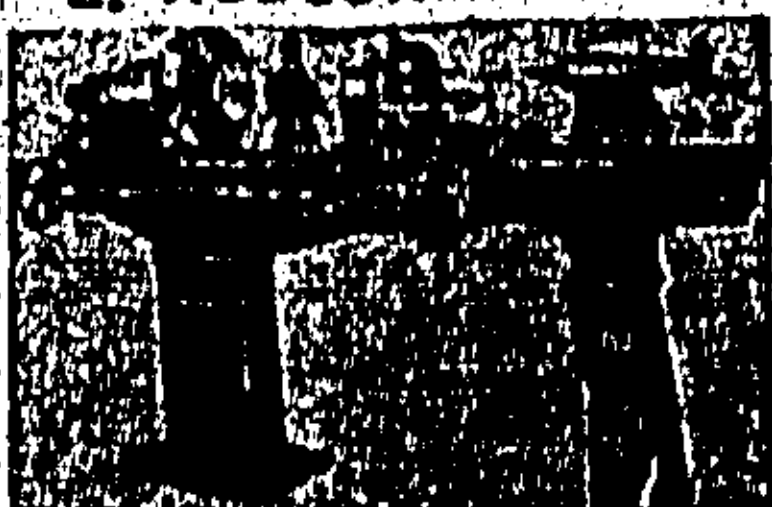
Formation of a wartime steel advisory committee was announced by Mr. C. D. Power, Canadian Munitions Minister, in Ottawa yesterday.

The committee will advise the Steel Controller and Mr. Power himself on methods of ensuring steel supplies for Canada's war effort.—Reuter.

## ANGER STABBING

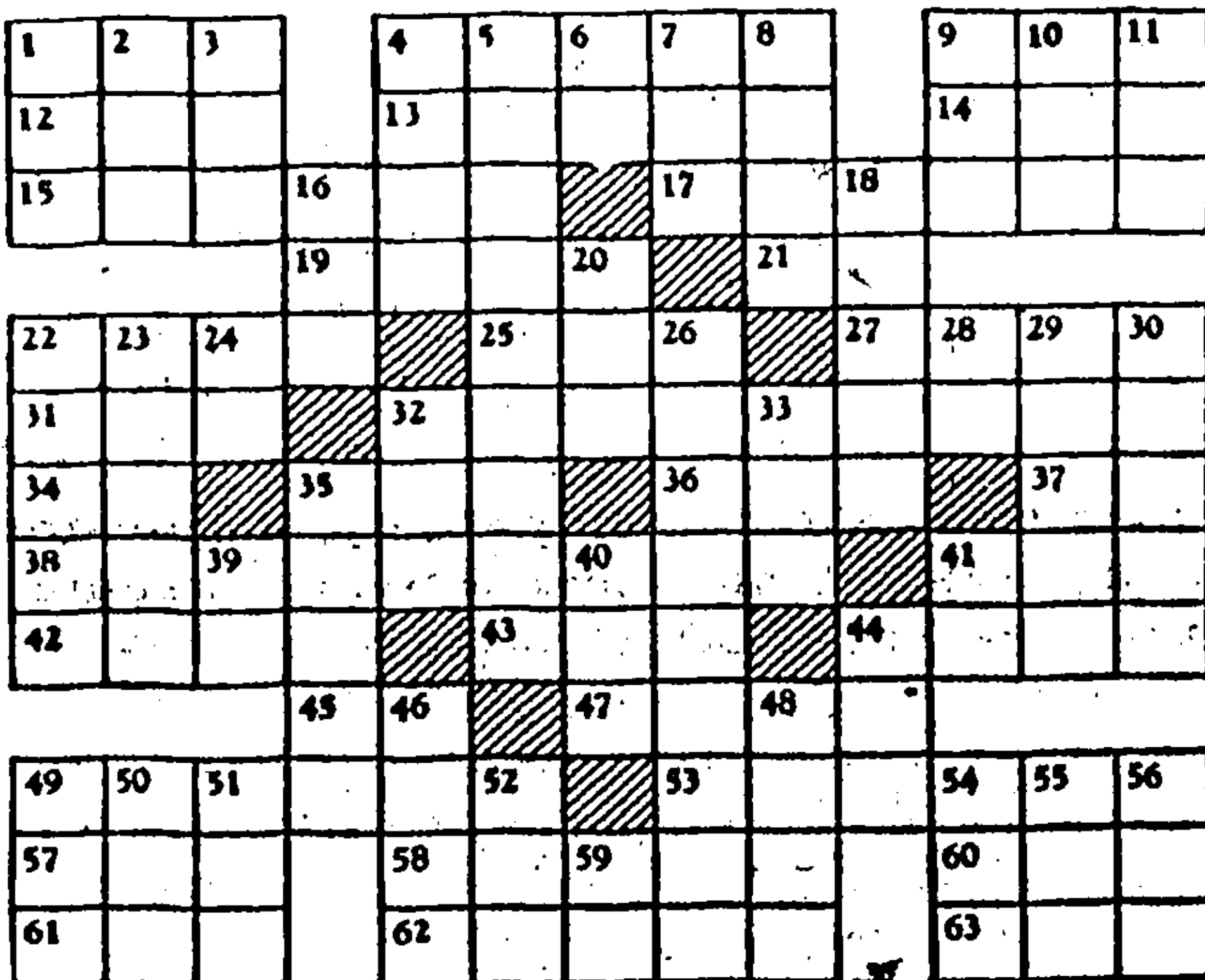
Chan Sai-kai, 19, mechanic, who stabbed his step-brother, Ip Hong-kee, with a file following an argument over a pair of spectacles, was fined \$20, or two weeks' hard labour, by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning.

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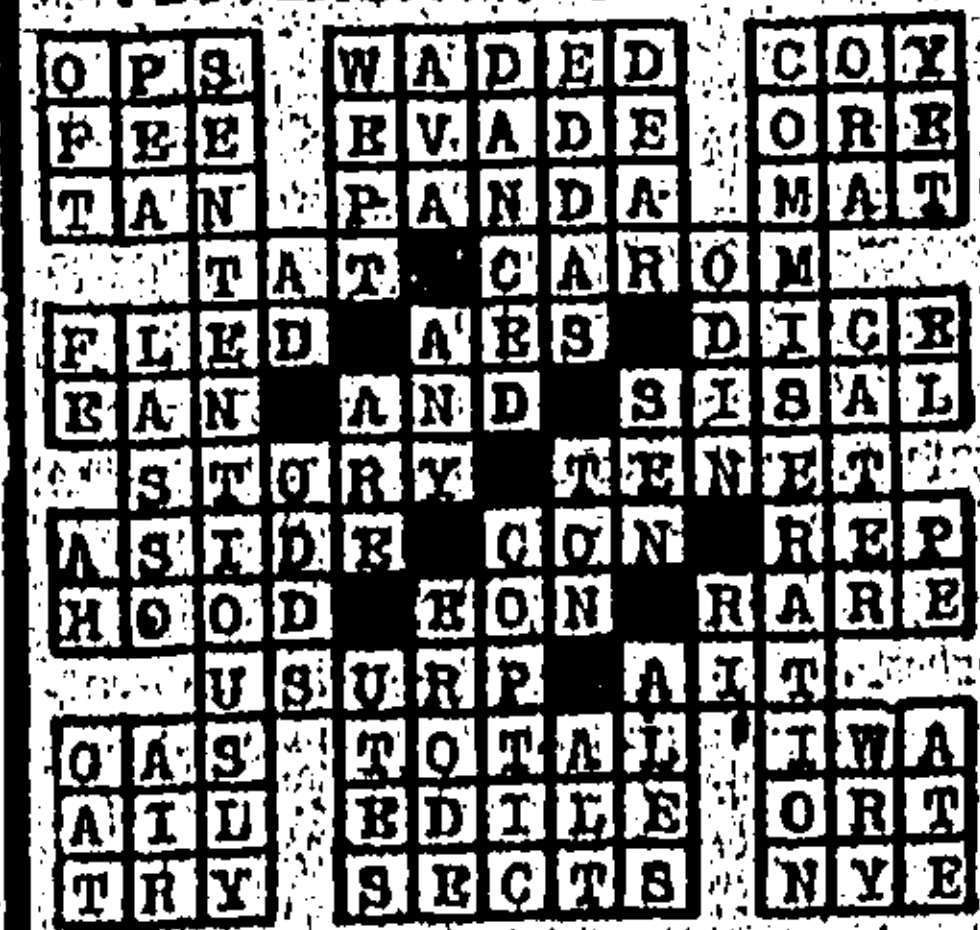
### HORIZONTAL

- 1 To knock
- 4 Man's name
- 9 Female sheep
- 12 War god
- 13 To divert
- 14 Gibbon
- 15 To hold motionless for lack of wind
- 17 To gratify
- 19 Regularly shaped mass
- 21 Note of scale
- 22 Sea in Russian
- 23 Instantly
- 27 To clench
- 31 Hawaiian food
- 32 Line bound a surface
- 34 Hebrew month
- 35 Vase
- 36 To pose
- 37 Mulberry
- 38 To place side by side
- 41 Japanese statesman
- 42 Short jacket
- 43 Brownie
- 44 Arabian shepher
- 45 Paid notice
- 47 Clump

### VERTICAL

- 1 To mark with ridges
- 2 Part of "to be"
- 3 Moccasin
- 4 Nimbus
- 5 An indwelling
- 6 Symbol for ruthenium
- 7 Poisonous snake
- 8 To dissolve
- 9 High note
- 10 Used to be

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# GRIMNESS OF WAR BROUGHT HOME IN MOSCOW HOSPITAL

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent  
in Moscow)

THE GRIMNESS of the war was brought close to me by a visit to one of Moscow's hospitals yesterday morning. It was not one of the biggest but a school-building which has been transformed into a hospital where the wounded are moved after operation and before convalescence.

Blitzed Moscow is not considered a healthy spot for the wounded and only the most severe cases requiring specialist handling are brought here.

It was a cheering thought that even this improvised hospital was able to give such excellent care to the wounded. This hospital is specialising in some of the saddest cases of all — face, jaw and eye injuries.

It was spotlessly clean and bright with children's water colours still on the walls.

The medical staff was clearly most efficient and the head doctor explained as he took me through the sterilising, X-Ray, washing, operating and dressing rooms — work here was in full progress — all of the most modern methods which are being used.

## Plastic Surgery

He stressed in particular the vitamin treatment used in connection with wound-dressing and plastic surgery which is one of the most important aspects of the work of this hospital.

The doctor explained how with bones and tissues from dead people it was possible to eliminate some of the hideous gaping disfigurements I saw under treatment. No longer is it essential to graft from the patient himself.

Most of the patients were too ill to talk but one stocky-looking fellow from the Ukraine, with a swollen jaw heavily bandaged and his speech thick, told me his experiences.

He was 27 and before entering the Red Army a year ago had been training as a builder.

## Smolensk Battle

"Our platoon," he said, "received an order to occupy the village of Dmiedovka, near Smolensk. As we were moving along the country road we met two village women who told us that the Germans had just occupied it. They said they had just left and the Germans were having lunch."

"Our officer decided to attack right away. We made our way along the edge of a wood, surprised the Germans and drove them out inflicting heavy losses. They fled leaving dozens of cars and cycles behind them."

"We built entrenchments round the village and also occupied a further stretch of road."

The wounded man went on to explain how as darkness fell, heavy shelling of the village began and he was wounded in the thigh by a shell splinter. He was ordered back to the village but first tried to find a relief to take his post.

## Nazi Barbarism

"Somehow I got separated from my party and my mind was not very clear so I lay down in the wood half unconscious. Suddenly I felt a hard kick and looked up to see my officer and two soldiers."

"The officer in broken Russian ordered me to get up but I was too weak so the soldiers raised me to my feet."

"The officer asked me questions about the Russian troops but I did not reply and he got more and more irritated."

"He hit me in the face with his fist, knocking me down, and then with a rifle shot at me at point blank range."

"The first bullet merely stunned me as it ricocheted from my tin hat but the second went through my temple and face, coming out of the lower jaw, smashing a tooth and pulping my tongue."

They left him there for dead. The rest of his story told how surprisingly, in spite of loss of blood, he did not lose consciousness and the next day his comrades, retaking the position, found him and he was sent to the base in a hospital train.—Reuter.

## ANTI-RED CRUSADE FLOPS

The Nazis' anti-Bolshevik crusade has been a complete failure throughout the Arab world, according to information received in Cairo.

This crusade, preached by the Germans since the invasion of Russia through the few channels remaining to them in the Middle East, has had no success except among Vichy supporters.

With Raschid Ali the Germans had a temporary success by perverting nationalist feeling in Iraq, but the call for Holy War on Russia has fallen on deaf ears.

The same fate befell the still more ridiculous attempts to characterise President Roosevelt and the Archbishop of Canterbury as "dangerous Reds" because they praised Russia's brave resistance to the German invasion.

Insinuations that Britain has allied herself with an anti-Moslem power have also failed, since it is well known that every year a certain number of Moslems from Russia make the pilgrimage to Mecca.

To sum up, whereas the simple fellaheen and Bedouin ignore German propaganda, and Mr. Churchill is cheered in cinemas throughout the Middle East, Hitler's only dupes appear to be a handful of Vichyite officers and officials.—Reuter.

## EPIC OF CRETE REVEALED

A high Dominion official now in London declared that when the history of the war is written, the evacuation of Crete will be found no less a miracle than that of Dunkirk.

It can now be revealed that as the result of action taken after an 11th-hour conference, the New Zealand losses which looked like totalling two-thirds, were reduced to one-third.

Official said: "Things looked extremely black, and it seemed

## MALAYA'S WAR LOAN GIFT TO BRITAIN

Proceeds of the Straits Settlements and Federated Malay States 1941 War Loan, totalling about £2,350,000, have been presented to the British Government.—British Wireless.

## RESERVOIR OF FOOD FOR PEACE

The American Government has begun to build a huge relief stock of foodstuffs to be rushed to Europe, China and other distressed areas, directly the war is over, says Sonia Tomara, writing from Washington in the "New York Herald-Tribune".

Surplus grains and fats from the Argentine, Canada and Australia are being accumulated in the United States.

The Department of Agriculture has disclosed the plan which was discussed at an International Wheat Conference held in Washington from July 10 to August 3 and representatives of Argentina, Australia, Canada and Britain took back a draft to their respective Governments.

Much practical work has already been done towards the creation of an "International Granary," and estimates have been made of available surpluses of wheat, feed, livestock, fats and dairy products.

Statistics show that the Western Hemisphere and Australia have the largest store of surplus wheat in history, which will be substantially increased by this year's harvest. The wheat carryover of the United States alone was estimated to be 400 million bushels.

With the expected 271 million bushel carry-over from this year's harvest, a total of 300 million bushels is expected to be available for distribution.—Special Cable.

Impossible to do more. We have to thank Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet, who, appreciating the terrific effect on New Zealand morale such heavy losses would have, decided to make a desperate last attempt to take off more troops. "So the cruiser Phoebe (5,450 tons) was hastily refuelled, re-ammunitioned, and loaded up with medical supplies with Admiral Cunningham, called from his dinner, personally supervising."

"The Phoebe, with escorting destroyers set off on its hazardous and heroic mission. We waited breathlessly, hoping against hope. They got through and brought off 2,000 New Zealanders, in addition to Australians and some Britons."

The official revealed that some of the troops trekked from 35 to 80 miles on foot across Crete, many with German bullets still in their bodies. One man nursed the stump of an arm which had been blown off by a grenade.



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## DAYLIGHT RAID

The brilliantly organised daylight raid upon Cologne, the first to be delivered against a city in Germany's vast interior since our bases were thrown back from Northern France to the British Isles, is a sign not merely of Britain's growing air strength, but also of mounting British confidence in ability to assume the heavier risks of daylight onslaught over hostile territory. With it, the Air Ministry's disclosure that Germany this summer has been bombed as heavily as Britain was bombed in the gloomy depths of last winter, emphasises Mr. Churchill's terrible promise of mid-July that "We will mete out to the Germans the measure and more than the measure they have meted out to us."

More than the Mosaic eye-for-an-eye, tooth-for-a-tooth is involved here. More than the human impulse to strike back lies behind this promise, more than hate answering hate. Many British people are convinced that the best hope of ending the war is to convince the German people that they will suffer increasingly as it is prolonged.

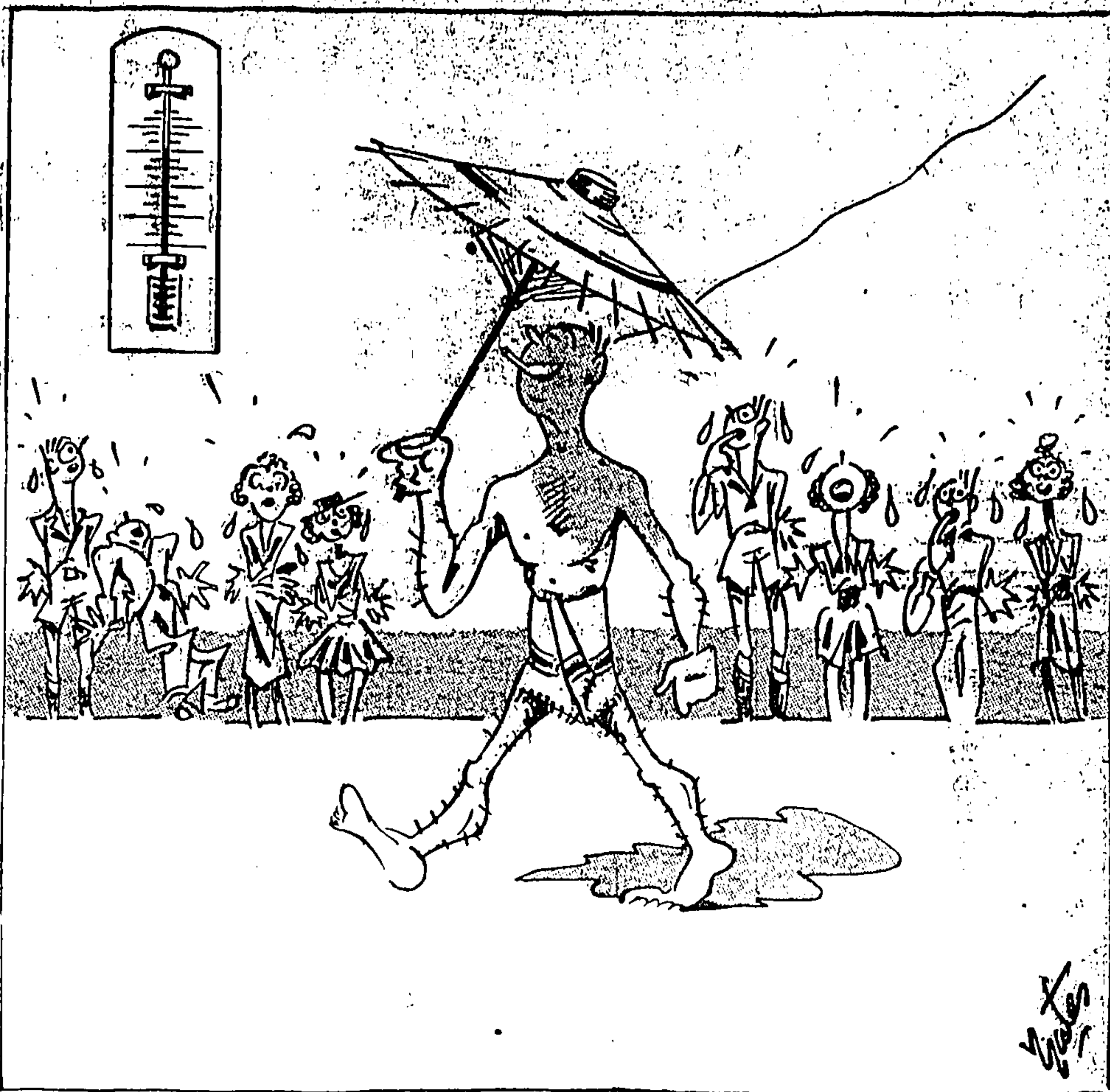
There is also a growing conviction that merely destroying the Nazi power will only do what the destruction of the Hohenzollern dynasty did last time—bring after a time a revival of Prussian militarism in some new form. Many Germans themselves have said that the German people—who have not felt the foot of an invader since Napoleon's day—must be cured of dreams of national glory based on their remarkable military efficiency.

This view is reflected in Mr. Churchill's statement:

"It is time that the Germans should be made to suffer in their own homeland and cities something of the torments they have let loose upon their neighbours and upon the world."

Human punishment is still based on experience which teaches that mortals change slowly and after many lessons in suffering. Those who have not been bombed are not in the best position to oppose British demands that the German people must be made to suffer. Yet they may hope that the circumstances may so develop that the lesson will be learned without

## CLOTHES AND THE CLIMATE



THE MAN WHO WENT THE WHOLE HOG

# A Breath Of French Air

I have had the good fortune to be allowed to look through files of hundreds of letters from practically every corner of France, occupied and unoccupied, written since the German invasion of the country. The correspondents belong to a great variety of class, age and condition, men and women, old and young. Only one is a French Protestant; the majority, without mentioning their religion, casually slip in the mention of some saint or some devotion, thereby supplying indirect evidence that French Catholics think of France's liberation first, of her moral and religious regeneration as only secondarily possible, however desirable. One can read the feeling between the lines that although decrees on divorce, religious education, political honesty, agricultural reform and so forth may be useful and hopeful diversions, they will mean little until the day France is free.

It will be remembered that General de Gaulle, on the eve of the New Year, broadcast to all Frenchmen the request to stay indoors on January 1, in protest against the armistice and the occupation. Here is a letter, written on January 5, and despatched from one particular French town in the names of the women, whose husbands were at that moment held as war prisoners. "General de Gaulle, Your orders have been obeyed on New Year's Day, and in the whole town of—only 'greens' (des verts, i.e. Germans) were seen in the streets. This means that the whole of France is behind you." These ladies write in the same letter: "It is in the name of a group of admirers of General de Gaulle, in—that I venture to express our complete confidence in you. We also thank all the soldiers who have answered your appeal and rallied round you to fight the enemy and redeem France's honour. We all know that under an energetic leader and a true Frenchman like you, France will see her day of victory. Our spirits, once very low, have risen since the day we heard of you and found a hopeful future to look forward to. Let us keep our courage intact, you to beat the enemy, we women to face the difficulties of life."

### The Stake Is Civilisation

From a Frenchman to his sons, who have joined the Free Forces: "When in your turn you will go into action, remember that, if you are in command, the

the "month after month, year after year." Mr. Churchill promised.

stake is life or death for the civilised world. And remember whom you are dealing with. The German is very humble in the presence of the strong, but his brutality has no limits whenever he is the stronger. It is—kill or be killed. Be brave, cheerful, and set a good example to your men.

"In T—, I do not know for what fault, hostages were marched to the Square and a bomb was thrown into their midst. I did not see it, but your mother and I heard it read out of a letter that came from the place."

In one French city, the women have combined to write each in turn to the "Legionaries," and to keep the correspondence going some of the letters, or at least one, reaches the Free Forces to tell them how all the women of France take their inspiration from them. Here is one of these letters: "Legionaries: We are a group of French women who daily draw our strength to live from your faith and your sacrifice. We also want to serve, after your example; and we shall serve, each where God has placed her, however tiny the place be. This we swear to you, who are worthier than we. But we thought that over there, in spite of the friendliness that surrounds you, you may miss a breath of French air; this breath we wish to send you, and that is why we meet. We shall write to you each in turn. It may be that many of the letters will not reach you, but we shall leave no means untried; were but one of them to break through and recall to you the face of a mother, a sweetheart or a little daughter, we shall be happy enough and shall have attained our object."

### Their Legendary Home

That the humblest Frenchmen are thinking in terms of the larger issues is shown by a letter coming from a corner of France known for its picturesque and its chivalrous traditions. It is addressed to the British. "Bent under the shame of the armistice and our disloyalty to you, dear British friends, we were very near despair when General de Gaulle and his soldiers saved the honour of France. Thanks to their courage and self-denial, which compensate for the failings we deplored so deeply, we dare again lift our heads. For in S. we never for a moment submitted to the forsaking of our British comrades, nor the desertion of France. If there were sad defections in a few places, if certain leaders were not equal to their task, in S. we fought well. Facing the Germans and attacked in the rear by the Italians, in spite of inferiority in numbers and equipment, our soldiers held out. And they cannot resign themselves to the surrender of the country, and are all eager and ready to join you whenever the moment of liberation will come. In our villages General de Gaulle is the legendary hero who has saved the Empire and will save France. We will wait, no matter what we suffer, no matter what our sorrows are since we can once again raise our heads. I would also like you to know how admirable our clergy have been, at a time when we thought everything was lost, and before your broadcasts came to bring us the certainty that you were carrying on the fight. It was our clergy, who, from our church pulpits, told us to put our trust in England; and when we held our annual pilgrimage to St. Francis de Sales on a small hill of C., over 4,000 people prayed last September for the victory of France and her Allies.

"As to you, dear British friends, how can we express our deepest gratitude for your courage, and especially for your magnanimity, never a word of blame for our desertion, for the calumnies that fill our newspapers, for the wrongs we have involuntarily caused you. Our deep admiration goes out to the brave population of London. We marvel at its heroism."

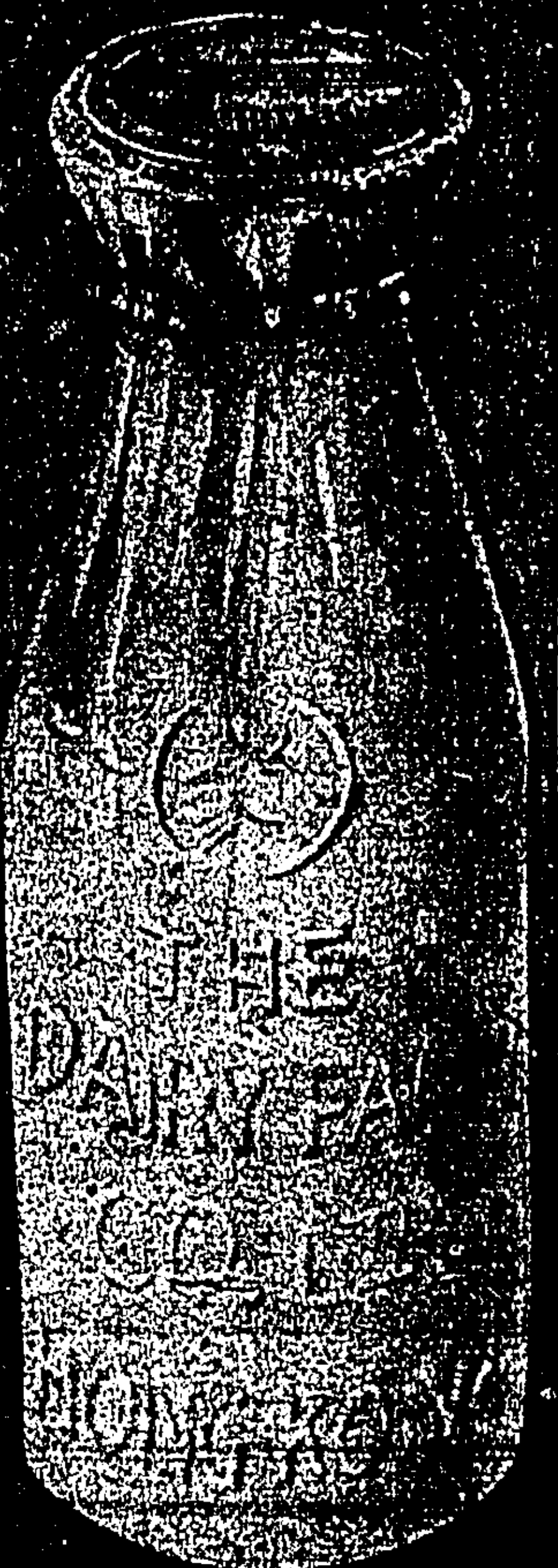
From other letters, which we have not space to quote, interesting observations are casually made on the R.A.F.'s raids over France, as for instance that "British bombers aim well, and we are not nervous." "We buried some victims of a British air raid. Que voulez-vous, c'est la guerre." and other remarks, showing that the aims of British hostilities over France are clearly realised to be for the eventual liberation of France, and that the French people are willing to pay the price.

These are but a few quotations, but they are representative of what is expressed by hundreds of correspondents: a noble shame for the surrender of France and a silent but burning wish to see the British and the Free French fighting side by side to ultimate victory.

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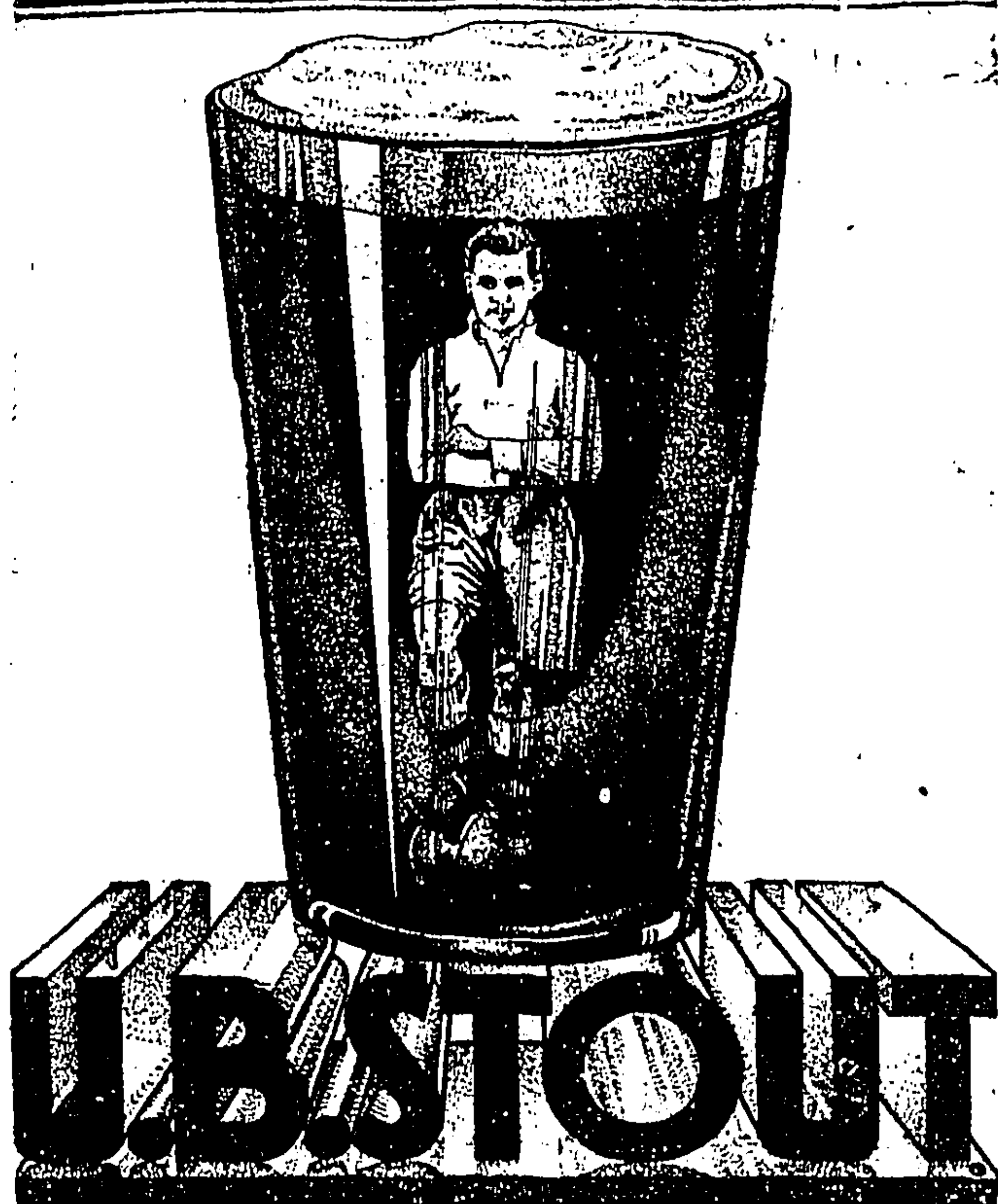
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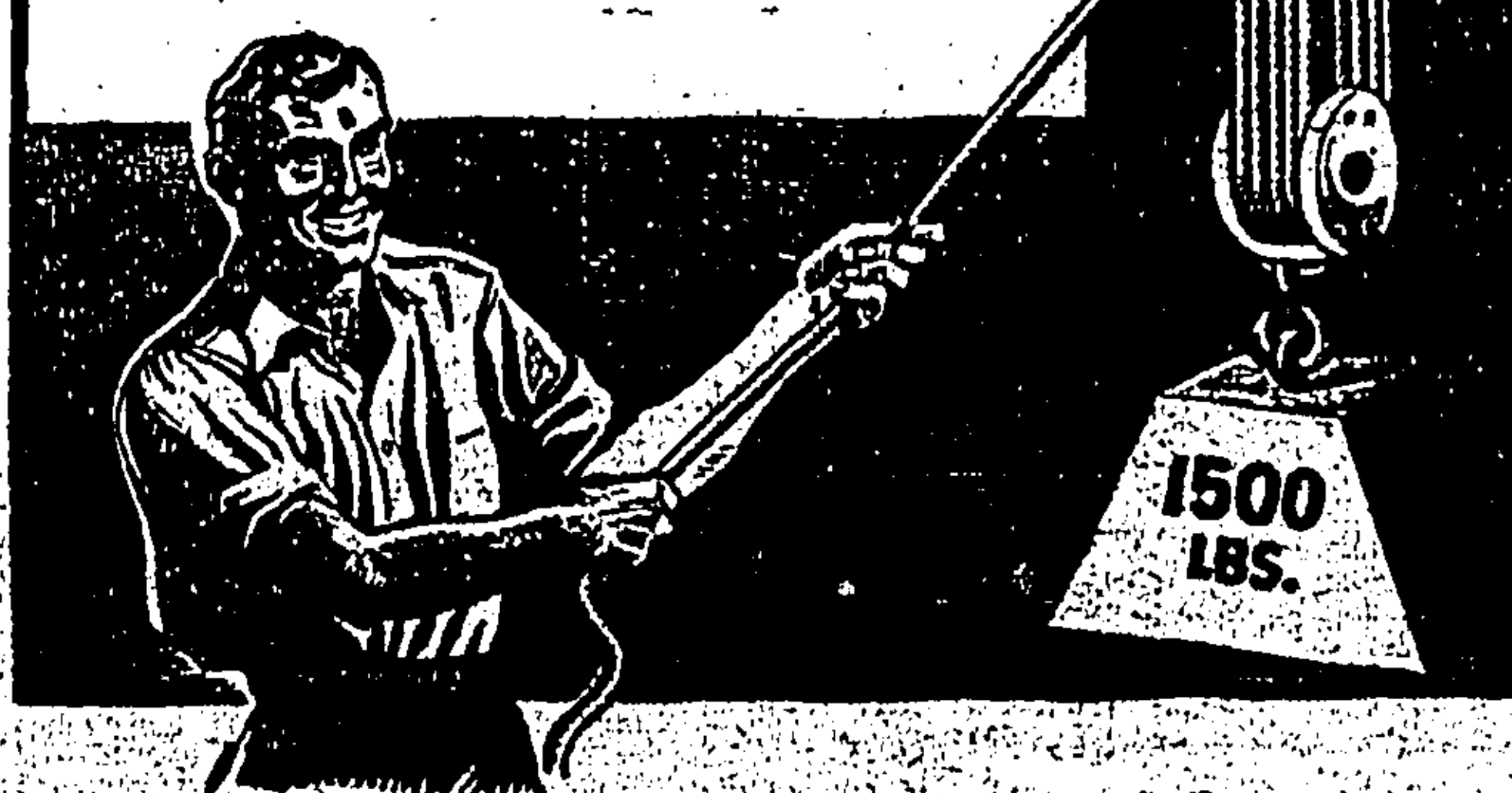
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# Extensive Raids In Germany: Berlin Bombed

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"In spite of bad weather on Tuesday night  
aircraft of the Bomber Command made  
heavy attacks on Germany over a wide area.  
Main targets were objectives in Berlin, indus-  
tries in the Magdeburg and Hanover districts  
and Krupps armament works at Essen.

In Berlin large fires which were started  
were increasing hold when our aircraft left  
and much damage was also done in the other  
attacks.

Objectives were also bombed at many  
other places in Germany, including Stettin,  
Kiel, Bremen, Osnabruck, Duisburg and  
Cologne. Aerodromes in Holland and the  
docks at Le Havre were also attacked.

## YOU SCRATCH MY BACK

The highest German  
representatives in Tokyo  
are telling Japan that  
Russia's Siberian army is  
a mere mob of untrained  
irregulars, according to  
three articles concluded in  
the Tokyo "Kokumin  
Shimbun" to-day.

The series consisted of a round-  
table talk between the Japanese  
political leader Tyutaro Nagai,  
Major-General Ott, the German  
Ambassador, and the German  
military attache.

In this the Ambassador as-  
serted that the present cam-  
paign against the Soviet Union  
fulfils all the aims of the tri-  
partite alliance.

With angelic harmony the  
conferes agreed that a Soviet  
collapse was inevitable, that the  
United States was hypocritical in  
supporting "dictatorship" while  
hiding the truth from its own  
people and that the American ac-  
tion in Iceland was prompted only  
by greed for more territory. —  
Reuter.

## MINOR RAID

**AN AIR MINISTRY** COM-  
MUNIQUE LAST NIGHT STAT-  
ED THAT IN THE MORNING  
ONE OR TWO ENEMY AIR-  
CRAFT CROSSED THE NORTH-  
EAST COAST AND DROPPED  
BOMBS AT POINTS A SHORT  
DISTANCE INLAND.

No extensive damage was done  
but a small number of casualties  
have been reported.

Elsewhere there was very little  
enemy activity and there were no  
reports of any bombs having been  
dropped. — Reuter.

## ITALIAN CHEMICAL WORKS DESTROYED

The R.A.F. bombed the chem-  
ical works at Crotonne, southern  
Italy, on Monday, leaving the  
whole objective a mass of flames,  
says Reuter from London.

## KING'S NAME FOR ENGINE

A new L.M.S. Coronation class  
streamlined engine is to be named  
King George VI.

From all these operations 13  
bombers are missing.

Fighter Command aircraft at-  
tacked an enemy aerodrome in  
occupied territory.

Aircraft of the Coastal Com-  
mand on patrol off the Norwegian  
coast during the night attacked  
shipping, harbours and an aero-  
drome.

Further details of the night's  
widespread attacks on Germany  
are given in an Air Ministry  
bulletin.

In almost all areas heavy  
cloud and bad weather was  
encountered. The badness of  
the weather kept the bombers  
over Berlin for a long time  
looking for targets.

One of the worst barrages yet  
encountered faced them.

Wellingtons, Manchester, Stirl-  
ings and Halifaxes were over the  
German capital and in two hours  
of attack fires were seen begin-  
ning as white points of light,  
continuing as a red glare beneath  
the clouds and ending as a sullen  
glow in the skies which our crews  
could see for a great distance on  
their way back.

## Wood From Tree

One crew back from Berlin  
came into the interrogation room  
carrying wood from a German  
tree. The captain had come be-  
low the cloud and found himself  
grazing the top of a wooded hill.

A Stirling crossed the coast at  
400 feet and then cruised round  
the Ruhr, mostly at 300 and never  
above 1,000 feet. The pilot an-  
nally found a good target and  
dropped his load of bombs.

At Hanover the weather al-  
lowed our crews to see more  
of what they had done and they  
were well satisfied with the  
results of their heavy attack.

At Essen, Wellingtons got  
the armament works and start-  
ed a tremendous fire about half  
a mile long.

Kiel, Bremen, Osnabruck, Duis-  
burg and Cologne were among  
other targets of the night and  
reports from crews attacking  
these towns are evidence of a  
night of sustained bombing and  
of difficulties most persistently  
overcome. — British Wireless.

## 17,000,000 STEEL HELMETS

Seventeen million steel helmets  
have been manufactured by the  
Ministry of Supply for the Fight-  
ing Services and civilian fire-  
watchers.

They are being turned out at  
the rate of nearly 500,000 per  
week, which means there are now  
enough for all the Fighting Ser-  
vices and civilian fire watchers.  
American machines sent under the  
Lend Lease Act have been used  
in producing the helmets. —  
British Wireless.

## AIR RAID CASUALTIES IN JULY

Altogether 501  
were killed and 447  
injured as a result of  
air raids on the Unit-  
ed Kingdom during  
July, announces the  
Ministry of Home  
Security.—British  
Wireless.

## WAVELL RUMOUR DENIED

The New York "Post"  
suggests that it was at  
the instance of Australia  
that General Sir Archi-  
bald Wavell was replaced  
as Commander-in-Chief  
in the Middle East by  
General Sir Charles  
Auchinleck.

Under the heading, "Wavell  
Shift Menzies's Idea," it publishes  
the following Associated Press of  
America message from London:  
"Australian criticism of General  
Sir Archibald Wavell's conduct of  
the Libya campaign precipitated  
the shake-up."

"From Australian sources it  
was learned that resentment by  
the Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies,  
was an important factor in Gen-  
eral Wavell's shift."

"Australian staff officers, these  
sources said, advised General  
Wavell against his defensive dis-  
positions after his army had run  
the Italians from Cyrenaica."

"General Wavell was reported  
to have replied that the 300  
miles of desert between his  
army and the Axis troops in  
Tripoli would hold any enemy  
advance to small units."

"As a result, the western de-  
fences of Cyrenaica were reduced  
to release troops for Greece. The  
Germans hit the British screen.  
They swept the British from the  
territory, the taking of which cost  
hundreds of Australian lives."

## Mr. Menzies's Denial

When the New York report was  
mentioned to Mr. Menzies he  
said—

"The suggestion is entirely un-  
true. It is not even like the aver-  
age lie, which has some shadowy  
half foundation somewhere."

## PACIFIC TYPHOON

The Manila Observatory in a  
warning issued at 8.10 a.m. to-  
day stated that the typhoon was  
over or near Naha, moving WNW  
or NW.

There were indications of a low  
pressure area over the North  
China Sea.

## BLACK-OUT FINES

Some 40 Chinese residents in  
Yantai and Shantung ap-  
peared before Mr. H. C. Mac-  
namara at Kowloon this morning,  
summoned for breaches of the  
Lighting Regulations during the  
last Black-out Exercise.  
Fines from \$10 to \$20 were  
imposed.



# EYE-WITNESS STORY OF ATTACK ON PETSAMO

MANY GIRLS' NAMES AND MANY MESSAGES FROM BLITZED TOWNS LIKE COVENTRY AND PLYMOUTH WERE PAINTED ON THE NOSES OF TORPEDOES (TIN FISH) WHICH WERE LAUNCHED BY THE FLEET AIR ARM IN THEIR RAID ON PETSAMO AND KIRKENES A FORTNIGHT AGO.

Many of the messages, said Commander Nimming, broadcasting in London last night on the raid, bore the mark of a humorist, such as "I hope you see the point of this," "As this is your meatless day here's some fish," and "This is not propaganda, it's a proper basket," or words to that effect.

It was disclosed that the force was under the command of Admiral Wake-Walker and included the aircraft-carriers Victorious and Furious.

They had hoped to spring a complete surprise but just before zero hour low clouds gave place to a clear sky and they were spotted by an enemy plane which raced away to give the alarm.

Crews and planes were ready and were quickly away but the enemy plane had done its job and fighters were soon attacking the Fleet Air Arm planes.

IT FACT THE FIRST MESSAGE TO BE PICKED UP BY THE CARRIERS WAS THE PILOT OF ONE PLANE RADIOING TO ANOTHER: "DON'T LOOK ROUND NOW BUT THERE'S A 109 ON YOUR TAIL."

Eventually the first of the raiders with its escort returned but it was soon evident that a number were missing.

## Sixteen Lost

Actually 16 planes were lost although the crews lost are known to include 19 prisoners of war and one crew which landed behind the Russian lines are now back in Britain.

Of the effect of the raid there was little doubt. Although the planes did not hang around to see the run and explosion of each "fish," they were well and truly aimed and it is believed that the damage was probably in excess of the Admiralty claims.

These were two hits on the Nazi warship Bremske and hits on at least four supply ships at Kirkenes, where four enemy aircraft were shot down.

At Petsamo "great damage was done to port facilities." — Reuter.

## HE PUT UP A FIGHT

BEARING BRUISES ON HIS FACE AND HAVING A BROKEN NOSE, LOK WAN-HEUNG WAS SENTENCED TO THREE MONTHS' HARD LABOUR BY MR. D. J. N. ANDERSON THIS MORNING FOR RECEIVING A STOLEN PURSE, THE PROPERTY OF MR. A. A. ISMAIL, OF THE DAIRY FARM.

It was stated that at 8 p.m. last night Mr. Ismail, alighting from a bus in Prince Edward Road, felt some one touch his hip pocket. He re-boarded the bus and saw accused with the purse in his hand.

Defendant put up a struggle and was hurt in the process.

## MINISTER TO THAILAND RESIGNS

THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. CORDELL HULL, YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED THE RESIGNATION OF MR. HUGH G. GRANT, MINISTER TO THAILAND.

Mr. Hull said Mr. Grant's resignation was submitted some time ago but had just been accepted. It was not connected with current Pacific developments. — Reuter.

## MATSUOKA TO BE ENVOY IN INDO-CHINA

Mr. Matsuoka has been appointed Japan's new envoy to French-Indo-China, according to an unconfirmed Rome Radio report received in London last night.

Mr. Matsuoka until recently was the Japanese Foreign Minister. — Reuter.

## Pacific War Games

The biggest war exercise in the history of the American West Coast began at dawn yesterday when a mythical invading fleet was sighted by the Los Angeles Coastguard.

There had been two days of "war of nerves" while the attackers feinted, obviously with the intention of spreading out the defenders.

Big guns at Fort Worden opened fire but unimpeded ruled the fort destroyed after 16 minutes.

The imaginary fleet continued down the Sound to Seattle.

The huge McChord airfield and half the defending air force was judged destroyed. — Reuter.

## LORD WILLINGDON'S FUNERAL

Lord Willingdon's funeral will be held privately to-morrow when the body will be cremated. A memorial service will be held probably in Westminster Abbey next week. — Reuter.

## MOTTO FOR NATAL FIGHTERS

"Pambili bo," a Zulu phrase meaning "On ahead, there," has been adopted by Fighter Command's Natal Squadron as their motto to go with the squadron badge. This shows a black wildebeeste in full course across the veldt.

Some time ago it was announced that the pilots and their friends were pondering the choice of a motto. "Pambili bo" was a suggestion sent by a man who had lived for many years in Durban and Johannesburg. A Zulu phrase, he contended, would be more typical of Natalians, who, as a rule, are not descended from trekkers.

"It symbolises the idea of going forward," he wrote to the squadron, "thus applying both to the wildebeeste and to the airmen from Natal."

"Pambili bo" is the cry of the Kaffir boy as he drives the oxen pulling the plough.

## CANADA GIVING HAPPINESS TO BRITISH CHILDREN

(By VICTOR LEWIS)

THE BOYS OF Victoria High School, British Columbia, were to give a concert in a few days' time. Main item was the school orchestra. But there was a snag. The orchestra lacked just one member — a violinist.

In the nick of time a little lad who had travelled 3,000 miles arrived — and the school orchestra was saved.

Donald Bellamy had come all the way from Grimsby, England. Practically the first question they asked him at the school was: "Can you play a violin?" And when he said, "Yes," he was the hero of the hour.

To-day, Donald is one of the stars of the school orchestra.

He is also one of the 6,000 British children between the ages of five and 18 to whom the homes of several thousand Canadians in all parts of the vast Dominion have opened their doors.

The children, living in Canada for "the duration," are no longer referred to as refugees or even as evacuees. "Guest children" they are called — and as guests they are treated.

They go to school with the children of their Canadian "foster

parents," and play Canadian games.

In the words of an official of the Canadian Pacific Railway, which played a major part in seeing the children safely to their new homes: "When they return to England, Scotland, Wales, or Northern Ireland, wherever their homes may be, they will be richer in experience for their enforced but by no means unpleasant absence from their homeland."

One of the happiest of these children is Thyra McGillivray, of Glasgow. She had always wanted to learn to cook.

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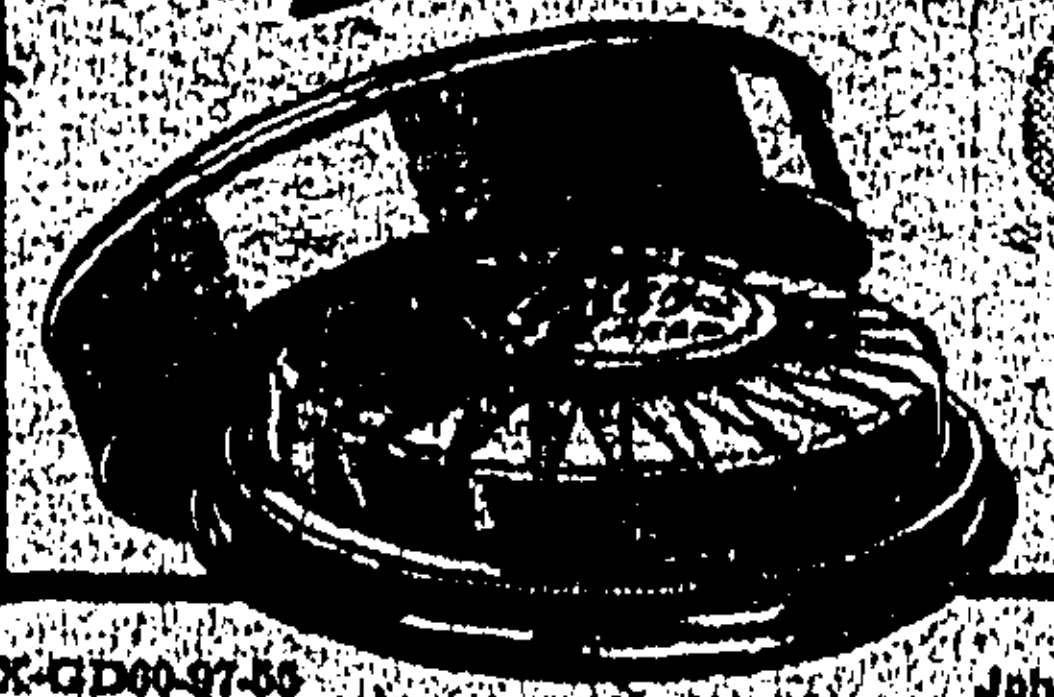
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#### Notice To Members

The 54th. Annual General Meeting of members will take place in the Club House on FRIDAY, 15th. August, 1941, at 6 p.m.

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Hon. Sec.

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NOTICE is hereby given that an Interim Dividend of \$1.00 per Share has been declared for the half year ended 30th June, 1941, payable on MONDAY, 25th AUGUST, 1941, on which date Dividend Warrants may be obtained on application at the Office of the Company, Kowloon.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from SATURDAY, 16th AUGUST, 1941, to MONDAY, 25th AUGUST, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS,  
Secretary & Manager.  
Hong Kong, 11th August, 1941.

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T. BLACK,

Commissioner of War Taxation.  
Hong Kong, 11th Aug., 1941.



### NOTICE

REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE NO. 12 OF 1939

#### A. REGISTRATION OF BRITISH SUBJECTS

1. All British subjects (male and female) other than persons of Chinese race and members of His Majesty's regular Naval, Military and Air Force and the Hong Kong Police Force shall within two weeks of arrival in the Colony make a return in the approved form and shall deliver the return to the Police Registration of Persons' Office, 4th floor, Chung Tin Building. British subjects (excluding the exempted classes already mentioned) who change their residential or business address or who are about to leave the Colony shall report the fact to the Police Registration of Persons' Office within one week before any such change of address or intended departure. IN THE CASE OF PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS (INCLUDING YOUNG CHILDREN) THEIR RETURN SHALL BE MADE AND SIGNED BY THE PERSONS' PARENT OR GUARDIAN.

#### B. REGISTRATION OF ALIENS

1. All aliens, other than those of Chinese race or those exempted by section 2 (5) of the Ordinance, who arrive in the Colony or who change their residential or business address or who are about to leave the Colony, shall report the fact in person or in writing for registration at the Registration Office (address above) within 48 hours after every such arrival or within one week before every such change of address or intended departure as the case may be.

#### C. WARNING.

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Sd. J. P. PENNEFATHER-EVANS,  
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## BRIDGE NOTES

### THE EXTRA CHANCE

#### By The Four Aces

One of the distinguishing marks of the expert is that he plays a hand in such a fashion that he has some extra chance to make a hand which most players would miss. For example:

South, Dealer  
Both sides vulnerable

#### NORTH

♠ 10 7 6 5  
♥ A Q J 4  
♦ K  
♣ A K 8 4

#### WEST

♠ Q J 3  
♥ 10 5 2  
♦ Q J 10 9  
♣ J 10 9

#### EAST

♠ 2  
♥ K 7 6  
♦ 8 7 5 4 2  
♣ 7 6 5 3

#### SOUTH

♠ A K 9 8 4  
♥ 9 8 3  
♦ A 6 3  
♣ Q 2

The bidding:

| South | West | North | East |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1♠    | Pass | 3♠    | Pass |
| 3♠    | Pass | 6♠    | Pass |
| 6♠    | Pass | Pass  | Pass |

West opened the Queen of diamonds, and South looked at the dummy and congratulated himself on being in an excellent contract.

The contract was a lay-down for twelve tricks if the trumps were evenly split or if the King of hearts happened to be in the West hand. The odds were about two to one that one of these conditions would obtain—and there was also an extra chance.

South won the opening lead with dummy's King of Diamonds and laid down the two top trumps. When East showed out on the second round of trumps, most players would take the heart finesse at once, thinking it their only chance. But South saw no reason to rush matters; the heart finesse could be taken later on.

First, South tried out the clubs. When the Queen produced the nine of clubs from West, South began to hope. His hopes were confirmed when dummy's high clubs drew West's ten and Jack, setting up the eight of clubs as a winner. On the Ace and eight of clubs, South discarded two hearts, thus making a heart finesse unnecessary.

Note that if the clubs had failed to split favourably, South could have regained the lead by ruffing dummy's fourth club; and then he could take the heart finesse. Trying for the clubs therefore couldn't lose anything, and actually made the difference between making and losing the contract.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner, and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q J 5  
♥ K J 7 3 2  
♦ A Q 9  
♣ 7 4

The bidding:

| Jacoby | Schenken | Maler | You |
|--------|----------|-------|-----|
| 1♠     | Dbl.     | Pass  | (?) |

ANSWER: Bid two hearts. Your partner has a strong hand and you have a good suit and better than average strength. The jump bid is necessary to show your strength. Score 100% for two hearts, 40% for one heart.

### Question No. 794

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

| Jacoby | Schenken | Maler | You |
|--------|----------|-------|-----|
| 1♠     | Dbl.     | Pass  | 2♥  |
| Pass   | 2♠       | Pass  | (?) |

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)  
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# HONG KONG AIR DEFENCE: A GUESS IN A BROADCAST

HARRISON FORMAN, the American journalist, in another broadcast to the United States from ZBW this morning, described an interview he had had with the G.O.C., Major-General C. M. Maltby, and referred to American warplanes which are "mysteriously disappearing up country."

He hinted that should Japan attack Hong Kong she might discover squadrons of these 'planes suddenly appearing at their backs from "somewhere in Free China."

Mr. Forman's broadcast was as follows:—

Hello, N.B.C. This is Harrison Forman speaking from Hong Kong, China; on the opposite side of the globe from most of you in America. It's exactly ten minutes to nine in the morning here—Thursday morning.

Yesterday I called upon the newly-arrived General Officer Commanding Troops in China, Major-General C. M. Maltby. Though he received me well after the closing hour of a normal working day, he was still at his desk piled high with papers and such.

He wore khaki shorts and an open-neck shirt, which framed a deeply bronzed face, brightened by a pair of good-natured eyes, and topped with a shock of tousled sandy hair. Muddy shoes and burs on his socks suggested a strenuous day in the open with his troops.

### Man's Man

I liked him instantly. And so does everyone I've talked to about him—especially military men. He's a man's man, a soldier's soldier, who isn't afraid to dirty his hands. A man to inspire confidence; and the man necessary to counterbalance civilian Hong Kong's ostrichism.

I asked him what he thought of Hong Kong, and her chances if war came to her doorstep. A military man, he answered in military terms:

"Hong Kong has the greatest concentration of guns in the British Empire—of all types, from the biggest of large-calibre coastal defence guns to high-altitude anti-aircraft guns. And from what I've seen during my rounds of inspections, I can say that I am more than satisfied with the degree of efficiency, training and accuracy of fire of the gunners in their practice shoots. More than pleased, too, with the men themselves, who are mostly seasoned troops of extraordinary high morale.

"I'm confident," he concluded, "that we'll put up a jolly good show, come what may."

### Air Defence

Well, in my opinion, blitzkrieg war has proven the value of two important weapons—the tank and the airplane. For Hong Kong, the principal part of which is built on a comparatively small island of steep-sided hills, the tank is immediately ruled out. But with Japanese aerodromes in occupied Chinese territory only minutes' distant by air, the threat of an air blitz, here, should the balloon go up, is a grim one indeed.

Apparently, Hong Kong has no air force stationed here to meet this threat. The Nipponese, however, are suspicious of this. All signs here point clearly to a British determination to defend this place strongly—threat or no threat of Japanese blitzkrieging in planes.

In Singapore some weeks ago, Air Vice-Marshal Pulford, Commanding the R.A.F. in the Far East, commented on Britain's air power in Malaya. Said he:

"Do not imagine the air force here is solely for the defence of Singapore. In the last year or so we have completed a chain of military aerodromes that stretch to the northern frontiers of Malaya; and in Burma, to the frontiers of China."

### Haunting Suspicion

Now, I have a pretty good idea that in the last few months literally hundreds of American warplanes—Lend-Lease stuff—have been pouring into Malaya and Burma, and mysteriously disappearing up country. And a haunting suspicion must be beginning to form in the minds of envious Japanese across Hong Kong's borders that should they attempt an air-blitz here, squadrons of these American warplanes may suddenly appear at their backs—operating from "Somewhere in Free China," streaming in along a dotted line of secret airbases reaching all the way back to Burma and Singapore.

Hong Kong, then, may no longer be the isolated outpost of Britain in the Far East. And perhaps the growing defensive strength of Britain at Singapore has by now reached proportions where its defensive sphere of influence has already been extended to include Hong Kong.

I now return you to NBC.

## NURSES "ENJOYED" REVOLT

IN BOMB SCARRED AND SHELL-PITTED HABBANIYA R.A.F. STATION IN IRAQ, NURSING SISTERS OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE WENT ON WITH THEIR JOBS WITH THE SAME COOL EFFICIENCY AS THEY DISPLAYED IN CIVIL HOSPITALS AT HOME.

There were no mock heroics. The nurses did their share of diving into ditches and shelters during raids, but they made light of the dangers. Their spirit was summed up by one who went out six months ago. She said she was "rather enjoying it."

"There is not the slightest fear in any one of them," said the matron. "They have to run the gauntlet of danger as they move about among the buildings, and when they go to and from their mess, but their courage is what we expect of the nursing service."

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## RADIO

8.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.  
8.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.  
8.47 p.m.—Dance Music.  
Fox-Trots—Love Lies; When The Swallows Come Back To Capistrano... The New Mayfair Dance Orch.  
Swing Fox-Trots—The Hour Of Parting; Coconut Grove... Benny Goodman & his Orchestra.  
Fox-Trot—Whatever Happened To You; Rumba—The Rhumba-Cardi... Xavier Cugat & his Waldorf-Astoria Orchestra.  
Fox-Trots—When Buddha Smiles; Rock Island Flag Stop... The Casa Loma Orchestra.  
Waltz—I'll Be Waiting For You; Fox-Trot—Shake Down The Stars... Oscar Rabin & his Band.  
7.20 p.m.—Songs from the Films.  
"Moon Over Burma"—Moon Over Burma... Dorothy Lamour with Orchestra.  
Film Hit Medley—Intro: Isn't This A Lovely Day ("Top Hat"); Why Stars Come Out At Night ("Big Broadcast of 1938"); Check To Check ("Top Hat"); Without A Word of Warning ("Two For Tonight"); I Wished On The Moon ("Big Broadcast"); You Are My Lucky Star ("Broadway Melody of 1936")... Sidney Torch (Organ Solo).  
"Robber Symphony"—Serenata (Friedrich Fehér); Romance... Webster Booth (Tenor) with Orch.  
"Broadway Melody of 1938"—Selection; "The Singing Marine"—Selection... Reginald Foort (Organ Solo).  
"Nice Girl"—Old Folks At Home... Deanna Durbin with Orchestra.  
7.45 p.m.—Accordeon Solos by George Scott-Wood.  
Ahi Sweet Mystery Of Life (Herbert). Song Of Songs (Moya).  
Speak To Me Of Love (Lenoir). Stars Over Devon (Flynn & Egan).  
8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Commentary.  
8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.  
8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.  
8.32 p.m.—Studio—Recital by Leonard Jordan (Baritone) accompanied by E. O'Neill Shaw at the Piano.  
1. (a) Trees (Rasbach); (b) Because (d'Hardelet); (c) Friend o' Mine (Sanderson).  
2. (a) The Deathless Army (Trotter); (b) Rose of England (Novello).  
8.50 p.m.—Light Orchestral Interlude.  
Stephanie—Gavotte (Czibulka); The Way To The Heart—Gavotte (Paul Lincke)... Willy Steiner & his Salon Orchestra.  
Liebesfreud (Love's Joy—Kreisler). Vienna Boheme Orchestra.  
9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.  
9.02 p.m.—Studio—"To-night We Present". A Review of new records.  
9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).  
9.45 p.m.—Concert Waltzes and Tangos.  
Waltzes—Love Is My Life (Strauss); Romantique (Lanner—arr. Walter). Orchestre Raymond.  
Tangos—Dreams In Spring (Julio Blanco); The Tango Of My Heart (Schmideder)... Robert Renard Dance Orchestra.  
Waltz Tunes—Ball Sirens (from "Merry Widow"—Lehar)... Orchestre Mascotte.  
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.  
10.15 p.m.—Arthur Rubinstein at the Piano.  
Consolation No. 3 (Liszt). Hungarian Rhapsody No. 10 (Liszt). Prelude in C Sharp Minor, Op. 3 No. 2 (Rachmaninoff).  
Minuet and Trio (Schubert).  
10.35 p.m.—The Don Cossacks Choir in a Programme of Russian Music.  
Russian Potpourri Intro: "The Nightingale" (Michailowsky)... Russian Balalaika Orchestra.  
Monotonously Rings The Little Bell (Folk Song—Jaroff)... The Don Cossacks Choir.  
Caucasia (Ippolitoff Iwanoff)... Russian Balalaika Orchestra.  
Song Of The Volga Boatmen (Folk Song)... The Don Cossacks Choir.  
Polka Frieda; International Railroad Express (Descriptive)... Jarov Serebroff's Russian Orchestra.  
Don Kossak-Lied (Cossack Song) (Folk Song—arr. Jaroff)... Don Cossack Choir cond. by Serge Jaroff.  
11.00 p.m.—London Relay.

## GUNNER SCORES IN FIRST COMBAT

WHEN A HEINKEL 111 WAS DESTROYED ONE NIGHT RECENTLY A DEFIANT AIR GUNNER WHO WAS WITH HIS SQUADRON HAD HIS FIRST EXPERIENCE OF A NIGHT COMBAT.

"We picked up the enemy at about ten o'clock," said the gunner. "The Squadron Leader manoeuvred the aircraft into a perfect position, and I gave Jerry a burst. I caught him amidstships, probably killing his gunner. Whether it damaged the bomber I don't know, but it certainly tickled his pants. The Heinkel then levelled out and flew away, but we very soon picked him up again and I let him have another burst. This must have set him on fire almost at once, for he went down like a meteor, turning the clouds a bright red. 'Not once did we experience any return fire'."

## UNOCCUPIED FRANCE IN FAIR CONDITION

Dr. Alexis Carrel, research scientist who has been touring France to study the effects of food deficiencies, has arrived in Paris, the Paris press says.

Newspapers said Dr. Carrel had found health conditions in the unoccupied zone "very satisfying," adding that his "statement contrasted singularly with certain reports spread in America."

## FIGHTS AT NEARLY 500 M.P.H.

The speed at which pilots of Fighter Command engage and destroy the enemy is every day increasing. The shooting down of three Me. 109s in recent combat is thus described:—

A sergeant pilot: "I dived on the Me. at full throttle and overtook at something like 470 m.p.h. At this speed I opened fire with cannon and machine-guns and blew the starboard wing off the enemy machine."

Another pilot: "Black smoke poured from the enemy plane which continued to dive. I was then doing about 450 m.p.h. and had to pull out of my dive." The pilot of a Blenheim bomber saw the Me. crash in flames.

A Canadian pilot: "The German machine half rolled into a steep drive and I got within 30 to 100 yards. I clocked over 450 m.p.h., at which speed we passed over Dover in a steady dive." This Messerschmitt also was shot to the ground.

## HEROINE LILIAN DEFIED BOMBS

Most nights 18-year-old Lilian Griffiths spends hours serving soldiers across the counter of a W.V.S. canteen on Stockport Station.

Other evenings she acts as typist to the Romiley Home Guard.

Now hundreds of people in blitzed Liverpool know her as a heroine.

But at her Heald Green, Romiley, home, her mother knows nothing of her daughter's bravery, because "she just won't talk about herself," Mrs. Griffiths told a reporter.

Lilian had to drive a van of food supplies to Liverpool Bombs

## NAZI FILM PROPAGANDA REVELATIONS

The often cited appreciation of the value of propaganda made by Hitler in "Mein Kampf," to the effect that Heaven can be made to seem Hell and the worst conditions to appear paradise by able propaganda, finds practical application in the use of films by the Nazis.

In America the danger of this effective and subtle method of dissemination of Nazi gostrums has been realised and a firm which is engaged in the film trade on behalf of Germany and Italy is now included in the U.S. proclaimed list.

In Latin-America, aggressive propaganda contained in Axis news reels and films has resulted in a boycott, except in a few Axis-controlled or owned picturehouses, and Germany and Italy have been driven to expedient in hiring halls or showing films in the open air.

Almost all Axis films shown in the Americas are delivered by the notorious L.A.T.I. air-service whose danger to Pan-American security has been repeatedly emphasised in the American press and radio.

In Europe the showing of American films has been prohibited as far as occupied countries are concerned and every endeavour is made to persuade the few remaining neutrals to blind themselves not to buy or sell films to countries not represented at the "International" Film Congress, quietly summoned in Berlin on July 22.

### Swedish Action

Sweden recently withdrew permits for the import of films of U.K. or U.S. origin, and in Spain 63 per cent. of films shown are of German origin.

Now Germany is busy planning for the new order in films as in everything else. Germany is to control all European markets, production and distribution.

Collaboration is invited—notably in France, where the existence of a flourishing, versatile but uncensored film industry offers unique opportunities for German protection and patronage—but where collaboration is not forthcoming no competition will be permitted.

If, as is clear, the new order is to be based on a drastic reduction of the European standard of life to or below the German level, the showing of even the most innocent Hollywood productions, with their portrayal of a high standard of living and high regard for individual liberty, must obviously be rightly excluded.—British Wireless.

### COMMONS' BOMBING LOSSES

Members of the House of Commons staff who have lost clothes and effects through the bombing of Parliament are to receive assistance in presenting their claims so that they may receive immediate attention.

fell as she entered the city. Once she had to get out and dive under her van as the shriek of falling bombs warned her.

The van was damaged. But Lilian crawled out and carried on. The food was delivered and that was all that mattered, so far as Lilian was concerned.

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### SIGNALS AQUATIC SPORTS

Some keen swimming was seen at Army Swimming Pool, Victoria Barracks, yesterday, when Royal Signals held their annual swimming sports before a large crowd. At the conclusion of the sports, Lieut. Colonel E. Levett distributed the prizes.

Following were the results:—  
Two lengths Free-style:—1. Sig. Bennett; 2. Sig. Allen; 3. Sig. Hunt. Time: 41 secs.

One length Novice Free-style Handicap:—1. Sig. Liang; 2. Sig. Hodson; 3. Cpl. Copsey. Time: 30.2/3 secs.

Long Plunge:—1. Sig. Latter; 2. Sig. Bevan. Distance: 48 ft. 7 1/2 in.  
"Out of the Hat" Relay Race:—1. L/Cpl. Thorley and Sig. Bevan; 2. Sig. McCann and Sig. Latter; 3. Sig. Ferris and L/Cpl. Rumford.

Two lengths Breast stroke:—1. Cpl. Bedford; 2. Sig. Ferris. Time: 54.4/5 secs.

Old Soldiers Race:—1. Major L. Hayes; 2. Sgt. Green; 3. Sgt. Ient. Time: 28.3/5 secs.

Two lengths Back stroke:—1. Sig. Bennett; 2. L/Cpl. Dignan; 3. Sig. McCann. Time: 55 1/3 secs.

Inter-section Relay Race:—1. W/T Section (Cpl. Bedford, L/Cpl. Price, Sig. Bennett, Sig. Allen, Sig. Hunt and Sig. Carroll); 2. The Rest (L/Cpl. Dignan, L/Cpl. Morgan, L/Cpl. Thorley, Sig. Hodges, Sig. McCann and Sig. Bevan). Time: 1 min 53.4/5 secs.

Diving:—1. L/Cpl. Dignan; 2. Sig. McCann; 3. Cpl. Bedford.

### Water-Polo

In an inter-section water-polo match, W/T Section drew with a team drawn from the Rest, each scoring once. Pitches and Dignan being the marksmen. Teams were:—

W/T Section:—Cpl. Bedford, Cpl. Newham, Sig. Bennett, Sig. Hunt, Sig. Carroll, Sig. Allen and Sig. Pitches.  
The Rest:—Cpl. Truscott, Cpl. Thorley, Sig. Rumford, Cpl. Morgan, Sig. McCann, Sig. Dignan and Sig. Hodges.

In an exhibition water-polo game Royal Scots drew with Signals, leaders in the European Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo Tournament, each side scoring four times. Hunter (2), Millar and Laws scored for Royals and Allen (2), Dignan and McCann for Signals.

### THREE-DAY AQUATIC MEETING

Kwangtung Provincial Relief Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Lau King-ting, have arranged an elaborate swimming gala at Chung Shing Bathing shed for Saturday, Sunday and Monday to raise funds for the relief of wounded soldiers and refugees in Kwangtung.

Prominent swimmers have been invited to participate, among whom are Wong Chi-hung (Sing Tao), Miss Vivienne Churn (V.R.C.), Miss Ho Wai-king (C.B.C.), A. K. Rumjahn (V.R.C.), Fung Wai-cheong (Y.M.C.A. Swimming Union), Lionel Roza-Pereira (V.R.C.), Ng Nin (Sing Tao), Eddie da Roza (V.R.C.), Tsui Hang (Eastern), Miss Li Po-luen (South China), and Wong King-wun and Koo Kai-kui (C.B.C.).

A fire dragon display will also be a feature of the gala.

### QUADRANGULAR GALA AT "Y" ON AUGUST 21

At a meeting of European Y.M.C.A. Swimming Committee yesterday, it was decided to hold an invitation quadrangular swimming contest on Thursday, August 21, at 8 p.m. when Y.M.C.A. will be hosts to Royal Scots, Middlesex and Combined Small Units including Signals.

Following is the programme:

50 yards.  
Men's 50 yards team race (two backstroke, two breaststroke, two free-style).

Men's 50 yards each relay.  
Diving:—One plain, one fancy, from each board (one diver).

Plunging (individual):—one-plunge.  
Officers 50 yards relay.

Women's 200 yards invitation relay (Victoria Recreation Club, Lal Tsun, Chinese Bathing Club, South China).

Women's 100 yards invitation relay (same teams as in free-style relay).

50 yards obstacle race.

Water-polo (two selected teams from the four competing teams).

Referring to a return meeting with Lal Tsun Swimming Union it was decided to reserve a date in the middle of September as Volunteer and Service manning, and 10

## British Control Of The Seas

**THE SAFE ARRIVAL of all convoys in the Far East during the past few months, without the loss of a single officer or airman by enemy action, was announced by the Air Ministry News Service in London yesterday.**

This is a great tribute to the vigilance and efficiency of the escorting warships and aircraft which passed on the convoys one to the other throughout the 10,000-mile journey.

## INDIA'S PART AS ALLY OF BRITAIN

India's contributions in men and materials to Britain's war effort, and its mighty potentialities as an Empire arsenal, were described by Firoz Noon, High Commissioner for India in London.

Now in the United States discussing trade problems concerning India and the United States, Mr. Noon added that Indian troops in considerable number were fighting in Eritrea, Ethiopia and in Libya.

India has found a new degree of unity in its wish to see the defeat of totalitarianism, and this unity is spurring the Indian war effort, Mr. Noon stressed. In spite of differences between the British Government, the Moslem League and the All-India National Congress, the country is unanimous in wanting to see Hitler defeated, he said.

India's war usefulness to Britain is a three-fold matter, Mr. Noon continued.

First he stressed the ability of the country's steel industry and manufacturing plants, backed by unlimited supplies of raw materials, to turn out guns, tanks and ammunition. Second, the vast manpower of India with its potentialities for turning out soldiers. Third, India's possible assistance to the British Commonwealth of Nations in resisting Japanese demands in the Far East.

Under the first heading, the High Commissioner stressed that India to-day is producing 90 per cent. of its war requirements.

In manpower categories, Mr. Noon said, the Indian army has grown from 100,000 to 500,000 men since the war's inception.

Back of India's war manufactures, the High Commissioner added, is its steel mills but it is at present seeking certain machine tools for defence industries in the United States where, he disclosed, the Indian Purchasing Company, headquartered in New York, has made large purchases of engines and other war material.

Jim Fowler, ex-Shanghai boy, former Australian champion and a finalist in the British Amateur Chamolonsht, had a bad start in the recent American Open, but he managed a first round score of 77. In the second round he played a grand round of 71 in heavy weather, lightning, strong breeze and a high wind making scoring difficult. On the third day he was suffering from a heavy cold and finished with rounds of 76 and 80. This gave him an aggregate of 304 and a tie for 10th place, 20 strokes behind Craig Wood's winning 284.

Y.M.C.A. and Colony Championships will occupy the next four weeks.

Discussing the water-polo tournament, in which 115 games have been played and 67 are outstanding, it was decided that at the conclusion a Knockout Tournament for probably eight teams be held.

European Y.M.C.A. championships will take place this month. Entries close at 5 p.m. on August 10.

The convoys carried many thousands to swell the ranks of the R.A.F. in the Far East.

The voyage from a northern port in Britain of one liner and its arrival in Singapore a few days ago with a large number of officers and men was typical of the many voyages this year by other convoys.

It was the second liner to arrive in Singapore during the last fortnight.

### Not A Smell

"We haven't had a smell of a U-boat or Condor," (German long-range monoplane), was the comment of one officer on arrival.

"Of course we had warships mothering us the whole time and in some areas of the route we were continuously protected from air attack or lurking submarines by escorting Blenheims, Hudsons or Sunderlands."

"In fact," the officer continued, "the journey was so peaceful and comfortable that we might have been travelling in pre-war days, for although the voyage was long and rather tedious, especially in the tropics, it was a comfortable voyage and entirely without incident."

### New Aerodromes

These officers and airmen are not replacing others going Home at the end of their term of duty, but are reinforcements needed to staff new aerodromes now in operation in Malaya and Burma.

Most of these men come from important bomber, fighter and coastal stations in Britain and all have first-hand experience of day and night air war. Their knowledge of active war is an immense help to those with whom they are now working. — Reuter.

## W.A.A.F. UNDER FIRE

When an R.A.F. aerodrome was recently attacked by enemy raiders, members of the W.A.A.F. ran from their bedrooms in their pyjamas to put out incendiary bombs. Windows in their quarters were smashed, and many of the girls were jolted out of their beds. Their newly built mess, adjoining the sleeping quarters, was hit by a high-explosive bomb, but nobody was injured.

Although an enemy raider was still overhead and had machine-gunned some of the aerodrome buildings, the W.A.A.F. girls paid no attention to the threat of a renewed attack, but hastened to stifle the incendiaries with sand-bags. The Station's fire-fighting squads were quickly on the scene, but there was little for them to do. "Not one of the girls faltered," said one of the Station's officers, "they behaved magnificently."

When they had put out the incendiaries, the girls had cups of tea, and returned to their rooms to clear up the litter of glass and rubble. Before beginning their normal duties next morning they helped to clear the earth and debris from the path in front of their quarters.

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# PEPPER'S TEAM BUNTS TO TOP THE LEAGUE

Martin has scandalized the league by a generous use of powder-puff bunting tactics. Six times the Senators pulled

A high-contrast, black and white portrait photograph of a man. He is wearing a dark, textured hat and a light-colored, patterned collared shirt. The image is grainy and appears to be a photocopy or a scan of an old photograph. The man's face is partially obscured by shadows and the texture of the hat. The background is dark and indistinct.

H. Owen-Hughes, H.K.C.C. and Interport cricket captain, at present on holiday in Australia, will be back in time for the start of the cricket season.

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# TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Hong Kong Admiralty Clerks' Association are organising a ping pong tournament for members and a large entry is expected as the two tables in the Association's club-room are always in great demand. There has been some talk about an inter-departmental competition, too, and this should prove very interesting as the Association's leading players are fairly evenly distributed between the various offices.

# WAR TIME DUTIES WILL AGAIN GREATLY AFFECT ORGANISED CRICKET

## By "Incog."

**One club very badly affected is Craigen-gower Cricket Club. Prospects there at the moment are so poor that, unless they can unearth some new talent, the chances are that they will run only one team in the League this time.**

Not that there is a dearth of players at this club. There are a good many youngsters who promise to develop into really useful club cricketers, but, as one of Craigengower's own leading cricketers said, "They are not quite fitted for League cricket as yet."

And that, it is feared, is likely to be the case at most of the other clubs. Enquiries from Hong Kong Cricket Club elicited the information that, beyond the fact that H. Owen-Hughes, who is at present away in Australia on holiday, will be back in time, nothing is known regarding the Club's plans for the cricket season. It is doubtful whether a team will be entered if the League should function (and there is no reason to believe that it will not), but at the moment everything is very much up in the air.

## K.C.C. Unchanged

Kowloon Cricket Club will have all of last season's players to call on—if they can be spared from Volunteer duties—while W. Mulcahy, who was on leave last season, is back again, and it is rumoured that Lieut. Ansari, who played for Army last year, is contemplating application for membership to this club. If he joins he should prove an acquisition.

Frank Goodwin, who turned out for K.C.C. 2nd XI last year, is not sure whether his knee injury will stand up to the strain of weekly games, but will be playing again, whenever possible.

Like Kowloon Club de Recreio will also find Volunteer duties a great handicap, although they will have all last year's players available as well, in addition, perhaps, to one or two youngsters, who have just left La Salle and St. Joseph's.

## A. R. Abbas' Return?

Perhaps the club that is least affected is Indian Recreation Club. It is understood that in addition to having their team of last season intact, A. R. Abbas is coming back to the fold. He was one of their more promising all-rounders until he decided to give cricket a rest a couple of seasons ago, and, although it was at one time rumoured that he had "packed up all sport," his appearance in baseball games this Summer has given cause for the belief that he will return to cricket again this Winter.

A Los Angeles promoter to graphed Johnny Ray an offer of \$350,000 for Billy Conn to fight there if he won the heavyweight championship from Joe Louis. "If we win," replied Ray, "we're not interested in \$50,000. If we lose, we can't get it."

# MINOR H.K.C.C. CHANGES

Hong Kong Cricket Club are making only one change in their Second Division team for their League Lawn Bowls match this week against Kowloon Football Club, this being in Brown's rink, where Hospes replaces Harper at No. 2.

In Third Division Doughty, No. 3 to Abraham last week, goes to No. 2 in Cassidy's rink; his place in Abraham's rink being taken by Nissim. McKellar will have Lacon and Young as Nos. 1 and 2 respectively in place of Young and Pudney.

## H.K.F.C. Alterations

Hong Kong Football Club are making a few changes in their Second Division team for their match against Prison Officers' Club this week at Happy Valley. Robertson's rink is unchanged, and in Macfarlane's four Needham replaces J. D. Thomson at No. 3; the latter going No. 2, to Gill in place of Grahn, while Coleman will be lead in this rink instead of Pearce.

Their Third Division team have drawn a bye this week but will be playing a friendly match against Kowloon Cricket Club on their own green.

## One K.F.C. Change

Kowloon Football Club are making only one change in their Second Division team to play Hong Kong Cricket Club this week. Naef comes into Er Kern's rink as No. 1 in place of R. ...

In Third Division, against Hong Kong, Electric Recreation Club, Gibson, No. 3 to Fuller last week, is an absentee and this has caused changes in two links. Izatt, who was No. 2 to Downman last week, will be in Gibson's place. Abbas returns to the team as No. 3 to Downman, while Williams, No. 3 last week, will be seen as No. 2 in this link. Macintyre's rink is unchanged.

## Electric Reshuffle

As usual, Hong Kong Electric Recreation Club are making a number of changes.

changes.  
 Sucker, who did not play last week, will be lead to Lunny, while Way, who did last week, will be No. 2 in place of Gahagan. Sloan will have a new No. 1 in Paul, in place of Macfarlane. Gardner will skip a rink in place of Paul with Macfarlane as his No. 3. Deacon, who was No. 3 to Paul last week, is not playing.

## Selected Teams

Following are the selected teams:  
**HONG KONG C.C.**  
 Second Division (v. Kowloon F.C.,  
 way):—S. L. Lloyd, J. G. Haigh, H.  
 (Continued On Page 15)

# SOUTH AFRICAN ARMY RUGBY TEAM ON TOUR

The Army's Sporting Ambassador, is the title given by Field-Marshal Jan Smuts, Prime Minister, to the South African Army Rugby football team which is now on an eight weeks' tour of South Africa, including numerous remote districts and large towns. The main idea is to make even back-country areas Army-conscious.

The team includes the cream of players in present-day Rugby, which is South Africa's national game, and Field Marshal Smuts.

has blessed the tour in a special message to the Union's sportsmen and sportswomen.

The strength of the side, including internationals and leading provincial and club players, is likely to fire imagination as effectively as any tanks or gun going on a recruiting tour, especially as the men will explain life and work in the Army apart from showing the Army at play.

Major Craven, director of Army physical training, is managing the side.



## C.R.C. WELL BEATEN ON OWN COURTS

ALL MATCHES IN YESTERDAY'S THIRD DIVISION LAWN TENNIS PROGRAMME WERE PLAYED AND RESULTED IN ALL THE LEADING TEAMS WINNING COMFORTABLY. THE OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE WAS BY C. WEI AND H. CHUNG OF CHINESE RECREATION CLUB, WHO WON THE ONLY THREE SETS OBTAINED BY THEIR CLUB AGAINST CRAIG-GOWER CRICKET CLUB.

### Army Win Easily

At Soekunpoo, Army Tennis Club beat Indian Recreation Club by 8½ sets to ½ set.

S/Sgt. Emberson and S/Sgt. Duffield (A.T.C.) beat M. P. Madar and M. Hassan 6-0  
beat A. M. Rumjahn and I. Kitchell 7-5  
beat A. Rahmeh and M. Hussain 6-0  
Sgt. Webb and Sgt. Denyer (A.T.C.) beat Madar and Hassan 6-3  
beat Rumjahn and Kitchell 6-2  
beat Rahmeh and Hussain 6-0  
S/Sgt. Meeson and Sgt. Murray (A.T.C.) beat Madar and Hassan 6-2  
beat Rumjahn and Kitchell 6-6  
beat Rahmeh and Hussain 6-1

### Points For C.C.C.

At Causeway Bay, Chinese Recreation Club (1) lost to Craig-gower Cricket Club by 3 sets to 6.

C. Wei and H. Chung (C.R.C.) beat W. J. Howard and K. L. Wou 6-1  
beat Y. H. Leung and S. Lee 6-4  
beat J. W. Leonard and H. K. Li 6-2  
M. N. Chau and N. C. Tang (C.R.C.) lost to Howard and Wou 2-6  
lost to Leung and Lee 2-6  
lost to Leonard and Lee 1-6  
K. N. Lee and K. F. Fung (C.R.C.) lost to Howard and Wou 1-6  
lost to Leung and Lee 2-6  
lost to Leonard and Li 0-6

### C.R.C.'s Easy Match

At Cox's Road yesterday, Chinese Recreation Club (2) beat Kowloon Cricket Club by 8 sets to 1.

D. Hazell and R. O. Bakar (K.C.C.) lost to P. F. Choy and K. C. Ng 5-7  
lost to F. K. Lau and M. C. Lau 3-6  
beat L. F. Hon and C. W. Tsui 6-4  
A. Gillard and R. Kloss (K.C.C.) lost to Choy and Ng 4-6  
lost to Lau and Lau 3-6  
lost to Hon and Tsui 0-6  
N. Bebbington and W. Liwellyn (K.C.C.) lost to Choy and Ng 5-7  
lost to Lau and Lau 1-6  
lost to Hon and Tsui 3-6

### Kowloon Indians Win

Playing at home yesterday, Kowloon Tong Garden City Association lost to Kowloon Indian Tennis Club by 6½ sets to 2½.

L. Chen and D. Chen (K.T.G.C.A.) lost to S. A. Hussain and Dr. M. A. Khan 5-7  
drew with S. S. Hussain and Dr. S. A. Sepher 6-6  
beat Y. J. Khan and M. Ramzan 7-5  
A. H. Baste and S. T. Chan (K.T.G.C.A.) lost to Hussain and Khan 2-6  
lost to Hussain and Sepher 2-6  
beat Khan and Ramzan 6-3  
D. Kwok and E. Ponn (K.T.G.C.A.) lost to Hussain and Khan 0-6  
lost to Hussain and Sepher 1-6  
lost to Khan and Ramzan 1-6

### Table To Date

|            | Sets | P. | W. | L. | D.  | F.  | A. | Pts. |
|------------|------|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|------|
| S.C.A.A.   | 8    | 8  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0  | 16   |
| A.T.C.     | 7    | 6  | 1  | 0  | 49  | 14  | 12 |      |
| C.R.C. (2) | 8    | 6  | 2  | 0  | 51  | 21  | 12 |      |
| C.C.C.     | 6    | 5  | 1  | 0  | 32½ | 21½ | 10 |      |
| C.D.R.     | 6    | 4  | 2  | 0  | 32½ | 21½ | 8  |      |
| K.T.C.     | 6    | 4  | 2  | 0  | 32½ | 21½ | 8  |      |
| K.C.C.     | 7    | 2  | 5  | 0  | 17  | 46  | 4  |      |
| C.R.C. (1) | 4    | 1  | 3  | 0  | 15½ | 20½ | 2  |      |
| K.T.G.C.A. | 6    | 1  | 5  | 0  | 17  | 17  | 2  |      |
| H.K.U.T.C. | 7    | 1  | 6  | 0  | 20½ | 42½ | 2  |      |
| K.R.C.     | 8    | 0  | 8  | 0  | 13½ | 68½ | 0  |      |

### MINOR H.K.C.C. CHANGES

(Continued From Page 14)  
G. Wallington and G. E. Costello (skip); G. G. Aitkenhead, T. R. Rowe, P. J. A. Hamilton and F. Goodwin (skip); R. R. Davies, E. Hospos, R. A. Edwards and A. W. Brown (skip).  
Third Division (v. Kowloon B.G.C., home):—H. H. Beddow, L. E. N. Ryan, A. Nissim and E. S. Abraham (skip); H. F. Shields, E. S. Doughty, T. C. Monaghan and P. S. Cassidy (skip); B. J. Lacon, R. Young, A. S. Mitchell and A. McKellar (skip).

HONG KONG F.C.  
Second Division (v. Prison O.C., home):—A. B. Coleman, J. D. Thomson, J. A. R. Solby and W. Gill (skip); A. Watson, J. H. Gelling, C. F. Needham and W. Macfarlane (skip); R. P. Shaw, C. B. Robertson, A. Brooksbank and K. S. Robertson (skip).

Third Division, Friendly (v. Kowloon O.C., home):—T. H. Pearce, B. I. Bickford, G. E. Stephens and B. A. Mansell (skip); C. Carr, A. Gratton, K. Farrow and G. S. Graver (skip); A. Bailey, J. Russell, S. H. Strange and J. Ralston (win).

KOWLOON F.C.  
Second Division (v. H.K.C.C. Home):—W. Naei, A. B. Eastman, W. C. Simson and E. Kern (skip); B. D. Evans, A. A. Dand, V. Chittenden and W. V. Field (skip); A. Lapsley, W. C. Ogley,

## NATIONAL U. CRACK UP IN LAST MINUTES

Two games were played yesterday in the Open Basketball League, when South China easily beat Trojans 61-13 and Chinese Y.M.C.A. beat National University 35-29.

National University held Chinese "Y" in the first half and for the greater part of the second period until the score was 20-27, but thereafter tired and Chinese "Y" won fairly comfortably.

Scorers were:—Trojans:—H. O. Osmund (7), Poong Kwong-yin (6). South China:—Ng Shun-chiu (10), Chung Ling (10), Shek Chun-tat (12), Yip Chin-kee (12), Lee Tin-lee (8) and Ho Hing-sai (9).

National University:—Chan Sun-kou (8), Chan Sul-luk (12), Yu Sul-yum (4), Ip Faj-lung (5).

Chinese "Y":—Fung Kwok-ting (4), Chan Wah-hei (2), M. F. K. (3), Wong Wal-cheung (4), Chan Kang-yu (6), Luk Tak-cheung (6) and So Pak-fai (11).

### Table To Date

|                     | P. | W. | L. | Pts. |
|---------------------|----|----|----|------|
| South China         | 3  | 3  | 0  | 6    |
| Chinese Y.M.C.A.    | 6  | 3  | 0  | 6    |
| National University | 3  | 2  | 1  | 4    |
| Wah Kiu             | 2  | 2  | 0  | 4    |
| Residents' Union    | 3  | 2  | 1  | 4    |
| Black Cats          | 2  | 1  | 1  | 2    |
| Youths              | 2  | 1  | 1  | 2    |
| Sing Tao            | 2  | 1  | 1  | 2    |
| Indian Police       | 2  | 1  | 1  | 2    |
| Yu Leung            | 3  | 1  | 2  | 2    |
| V.R.C.              | 1  | 0  | 1  | 0    |
| Bank Union          | 2  | 0  | 2  | 0    |
| Trojans             | 3  | 0  | 3  | 0    |
| Ping Ching          | 3  | 0  | 3  | 0    |

## JIM BRADY RETAINS TITLE

Jim Brady retained his title as British middleweight boxing champion in Glasgow on August 5, when he defeated Jackie Paterson on points.

Paterson was sent to the canvas for a count of nine in the first round, but fought on gamely till the end, although both his eyebrows were cut and blood was streaming down his face.

## 12TH BATTERY, R.A. HEAD TENNIS TABLE

At Soekunpoo, 12th Battery, R.A., beat 5th A.A. Regiment, R.A., by 3 points to nil in "B" Division of Army Tennis League. Sgt. Simpson and Bdr. Mew (5th A.A.) lost to Capt. Allison and Lieut. Matthews, 5-7, 5-7.  
Bdr. Pidgeon and Bdr. Savage (5th A.A.) lost to Sgt. Freer and Gnr. Robertson, 4-0, 5-7.  
Cpl. Pike and Gnr. Martin (5th A.A.) lost to L/Bdr. Parnell and Gnr. Roche, 0-6, 0-6.

36th Battery, R.A., received a walk-over from 24th Battery, R.A., in the same division.

### Table To Date

|                | P. | W. | L. | Pts. |
|----------------|----|----|----|------|
| 12th R.A.      | 33 | 30 | 3  | 30   |
| Royal Scots    | 33 | 29 | 4  | 29   |
| R.A.M.C. "A"   | 30 | 24 | 6  | 24   |
| R.A.M.C. "B"   | 33 | 24 | 9  | 24   |
| 36th R.A.      | 36 | 24 | 12 | 24   |
| R.A.O.C.       | 33 | 18 | 15 | 18   |
| 5th A.A., R.A. | 33 | 15 | 18 | 15   |
| R.E.           | 33 | 14 | 19 | 14   |
| Middlesex      | 27 | 12 | 15 | 12   |
| R. Signals     | 30 | 12 | 18 | 12   |
| 24th R.A.      | 36 | 12 | 24 | 12   |
| R.A.S.C.       | 27 | 6  | 21 | 6    |
| 965th R.A.     | 36 | 6  | 30 | 6    |
| R.A.P.C.       | 33 | 3  | 30 | 3    |

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## No Advance By Germany's Main Forces

### HITLER'S BLACK-GUARDS

BY ESTIMATING AT 300,000 THE NUMBER OF THE PRAETORIAN GUARD WHO "SHARED IN ALL THE CRIMES OF HITLER'S GANG," M. LOZOVSKY, SOVIET VICE-COMMISSAR FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, YESTERDAY LAID DOWN AN IMPORTANT PRINCIPLE FOR POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION AND SETTLEMENT OF ACCOUNTS WITH HITLER GERMAN.

This figure does not imply there are not many others guilty of active cooperation in Hitler's worst outrages but the extermination of the S.S. men — the backbone of the Gestapo and the concentration camp system and Hitler fanaticism — is a preliminary for reasonable talks with the German people.

Illustrating the point, M. Lozovsky said that when a German bomber crashed near Moscow and the crew of four were captured, three, with characteristic opportunism, denounced that fourth as an S.S. man, thus implying they deserved less harsh treatment. — Reuter.

### ADMINISTRATION DROPS PLAN

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

U.S. Administration leaders have temporarily abandoned plans for legislation authorising an American expeditionary force in view of the one-vote victory over the Draft Extension Bill. — International News Service.

### Nikolaiev Not Seriously Threatened

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent)

"ON THE WAR FRONTS NOTHING IMPORTANT OCCURRED IN THE COURSE OF TUESDAY," WAS THE REPLY GIVEN BY SOVIET MILITARY QUARTERS IN MOSCOW YESTERDAY TO GERMAN CLAIMS OF A SWEEPING ADVANCE INTO THE UKRAINE.

It would be absurd for the Russians to use such a phrase if something very important had happened and the absence of new place names in yesterday's Soviet communique is a clear indication, in view of past Soviet practice, that there has been no advance by the main German forces.

This does not mean that advance German units may not have again ventured to push ahead, possibly towards Nikolaiev, the Black Sea port 70 miles north-east of Odessa, whose gigantic silos doubtless conjure up for the Germans visions of vast grain stocks.

Actually there is every reason to suppose that in accordance with Stalin's policy the Russians would move this grain inland if Nikolaiev were seriously threatened, which is not yet the case.

At all events should a strategic retreat be necessary, they can afford, after the harvest has been gathered, to abandon part of the Ukrainian farmland and

may be expected to take up strong positions inside the bend of the Dnieper, which, from the industrial viewpoint, it would be very important to preserve. — Reuter.

### Definitely Checked

International News quotes a Moscow communique announcing the annihilation of the crack Nazi 68th Division and indicating that the massive German drive on Odessa has been definitely checked.

The Soviet bulletin claimed the sinking of Nazi troopships and four torpedo-boats in the Baltic by warships and planes.

Hitler's headquarters bombastically claim that "the Ukrainian bread-basket is practically in German hands and serious Soviet resistance or counter-attacks are not feared."

The Germans also claim advances on the Leningrad and Smolensk fronts. — International News Service.

### WASHINGTON TALKS ON FAR EAST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. CORDELL HULL, YESTERDAY EXPLORED FAR EASTERN DEVELOPMENTS WITH THE DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES OF BRITAIN, AUSTRALIA AND CANADA, EVIDENCING CLOSE ANGLO-AMERICAN COLLABORATION.

Mr. A. Duff-Cooper, who is in New York on the way to Singapore, where he is taking up a special post, after attending the conference said Japan could not be allowed to prevail entirely.

He said his mission to Singapore was to unify British military and diplomatic policies. — International News Service.

### AUSTRALIA'S AIRCRAFT OUTPUT

Senator J. W. Leckie, Australian Minister of Aircraft Production stated yesterday that Australia would produce planes worth £20 millions in 1942 compared with £7 millions in 1941.

They will be of all types, from trainers to modern bombers.

Mr. Leckie added that Beauforts would soon be coming off the production line at a steady rate. — Reuter.

### ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced of Cyril Albert, son of the late Mr. F. A. Sills and Mrs. Sills of Twickenham, Middlesex, to Evelyn May (Robin), elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Summers of Hong Kong.

### D'AGUILAR CRASH VICTIMS

L. I. Bdr. Harry William Buckingham, First Battery, Corps Artillery, H.K.V.D.C., is still in a dangerous condition, it was learned this morning.

Most of the injured men have been discharged from hospital those still detained being H. G. Lander, D. H. C. Taylor, W. N. Brown, W. P. Clemow, F. T. Henningsen and N. F. Tucker.

### IN A DISGRACEFUL STATE

That some of the air raid shelters were in a disgraceful state was mentioned before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning when Chan Chu-lu, 30, seaman, was fined \$3 for committing a nuisance in a shelter in Sha Po Road yesterday.

### JAPANESE THREAT IN SOUTH

A correspondent in Saigon says that Japan is planning to station 180,000 men in Indo-China. Most of them will be concentrated in Western Cambodia adjoining the Thai border.

He says that foreign observers believe that as soon as Japan feels that she is prepared for any counter-attacks, Japanese troops will enter Thailand.

A most truculent statement was made by a Japanese naval spokesman yesterday.

He said that this was not the time to fuss over whether Japan should enter the war; the present was only the calm before the storm.

"There is a limit to our patience," he said, "and when that is reached there will be an explosion. Hostile nations who underestimate Japan's strength are inviting unpleasant surprises." — Reuter.

### STOP PRESS

Baron Hiranuma, Minister without Portfolio in the Konoye Cabinet, was wounded in a pistol attack at his home this morning. The attacker was arrested by the guard at the entrance to the house. — Reuter.

THE CONDITION OF L/ BDR. H. W. BUCKINGHAM OF THE H.K.V.D.C. HAS IMPROVED. THIS AFTERNOON HE WAS SAID TO BE OUT OF DANGER.

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